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**The Beginning of the End.....**







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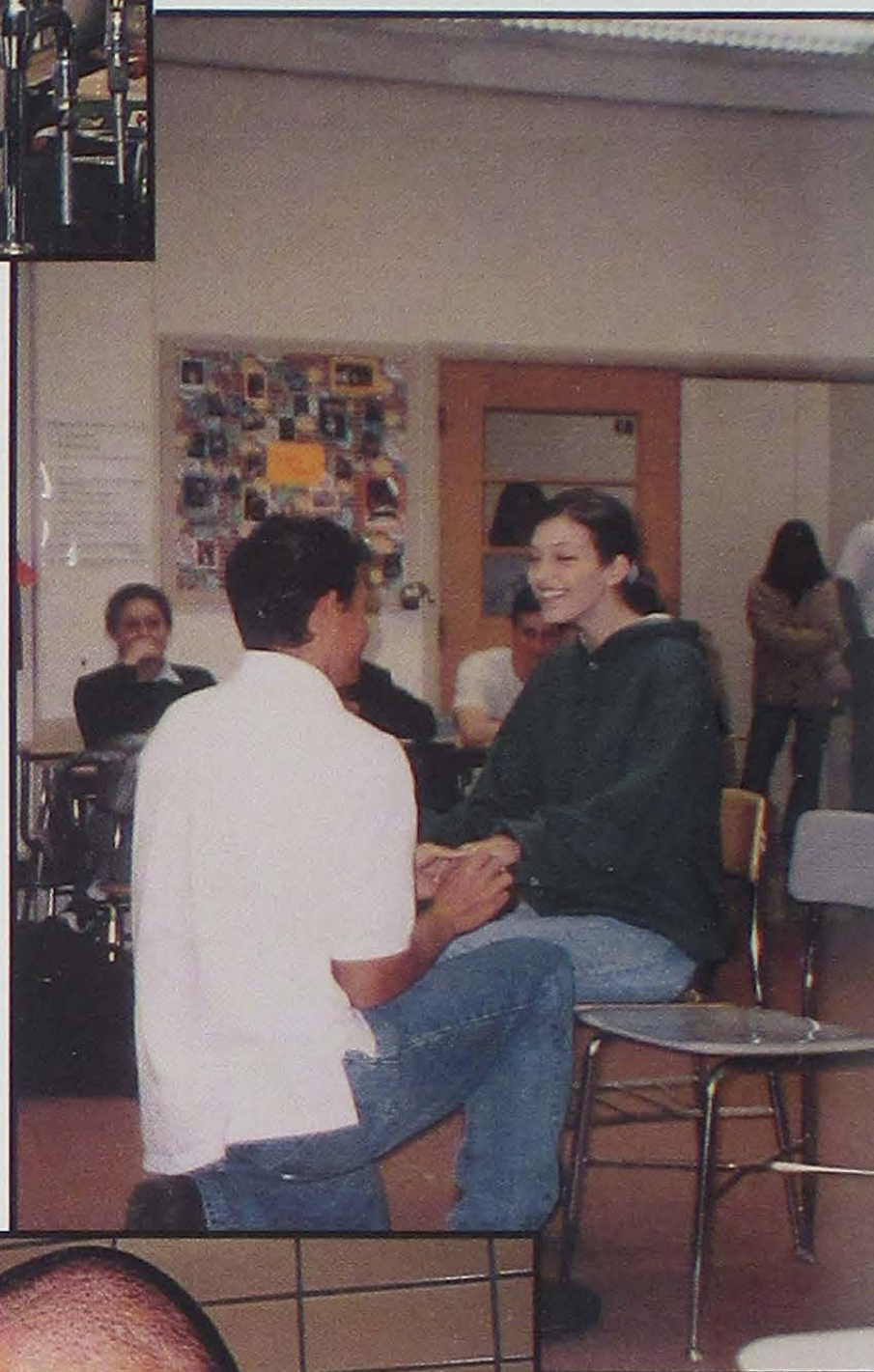
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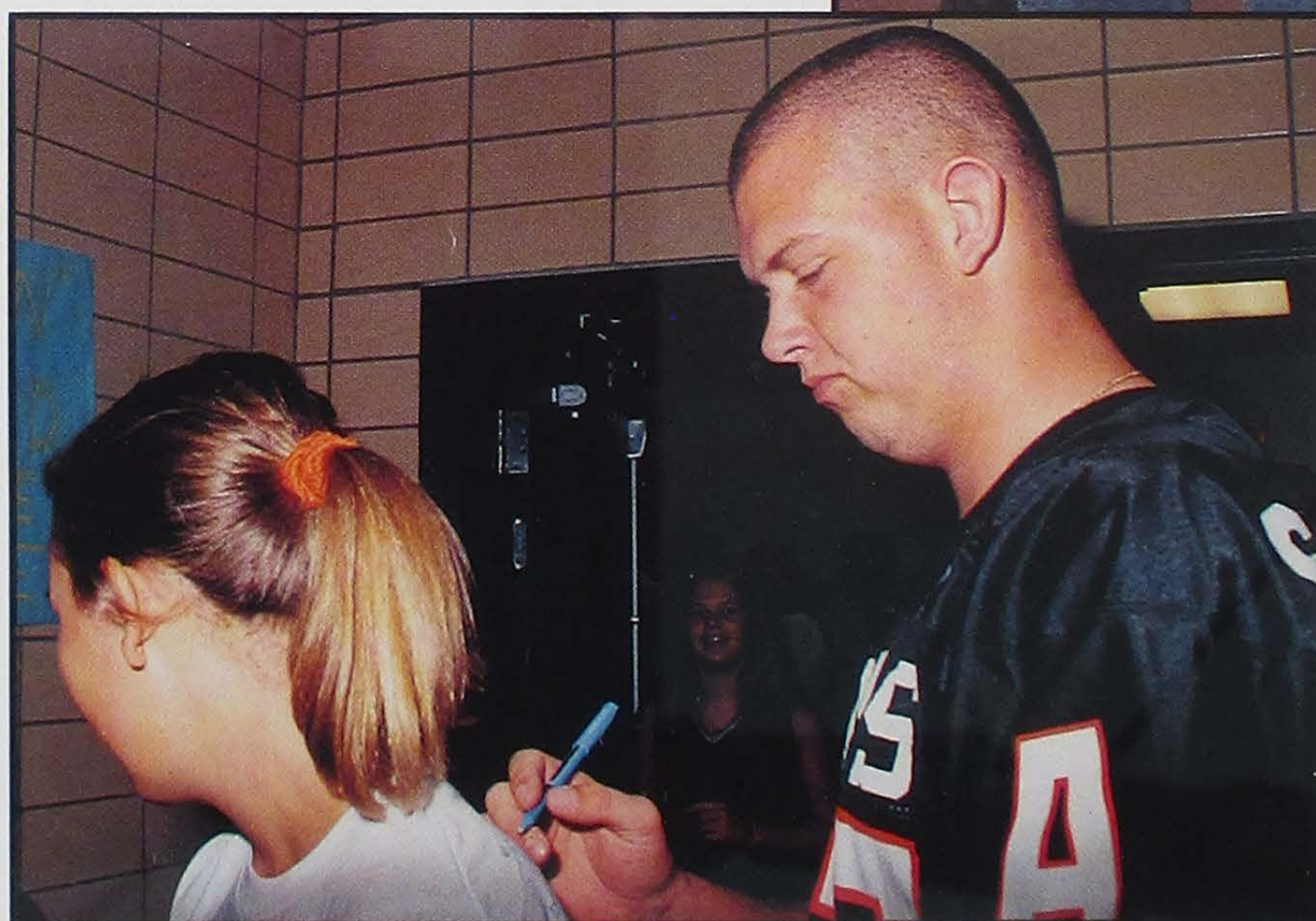
Seniors **Michael Chimenti** and **Laura Heideman** prepare to start a chemistry lab during class. Chemistry classes were taken by most seniors. (photo by Stacey Chung)



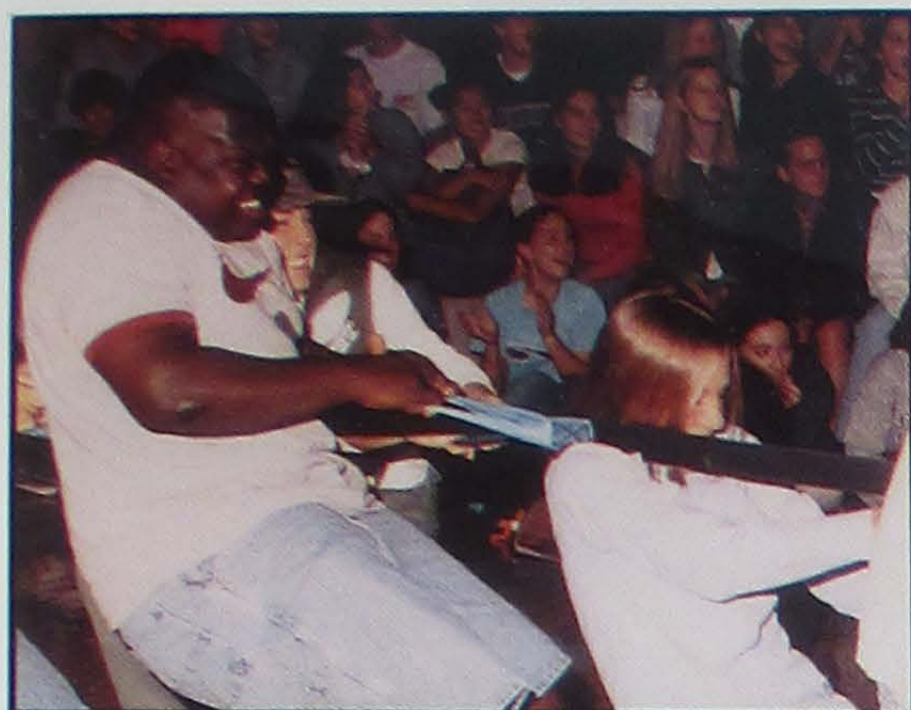
Senior **Ben Grotewold** proposes to senior **Emily Richey** while classmates look on. The proposal was part of a skit for their advanced composition class. (photo by Stacey Chung)



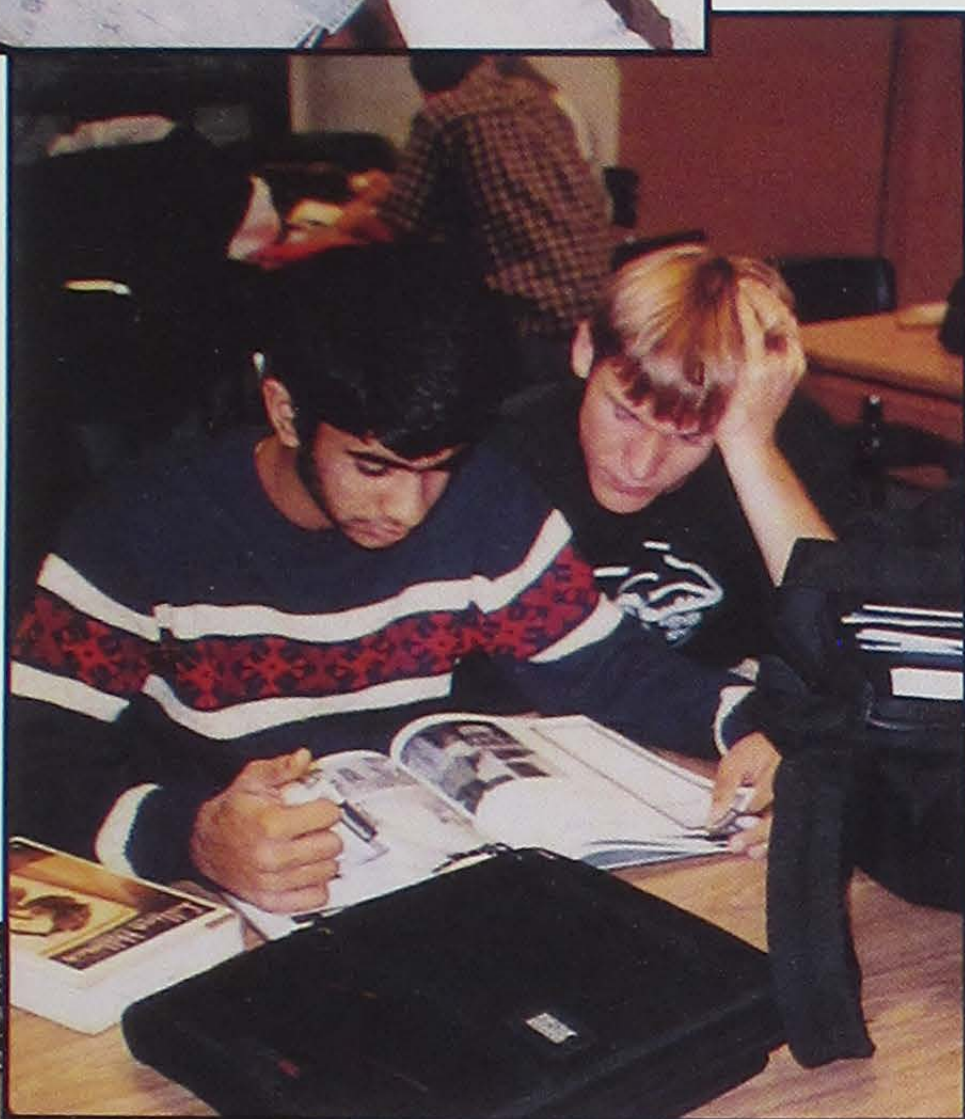
Senior **Seth Shepherd** signs the t-shirt of sophomore **Tanya Randall**. As part of initiation for the freshmen girls' swimming team, they had to have varsity football players sign their t-shirts. (photo by Stacey Chung)







Seniors **Baba Agbaje** and **Erin Maysent** give 110% effort in the tug-o-war. The tug-o-war, won by the seniors, was part of the homecoming kickoff assembly. (photo by S.Chung)

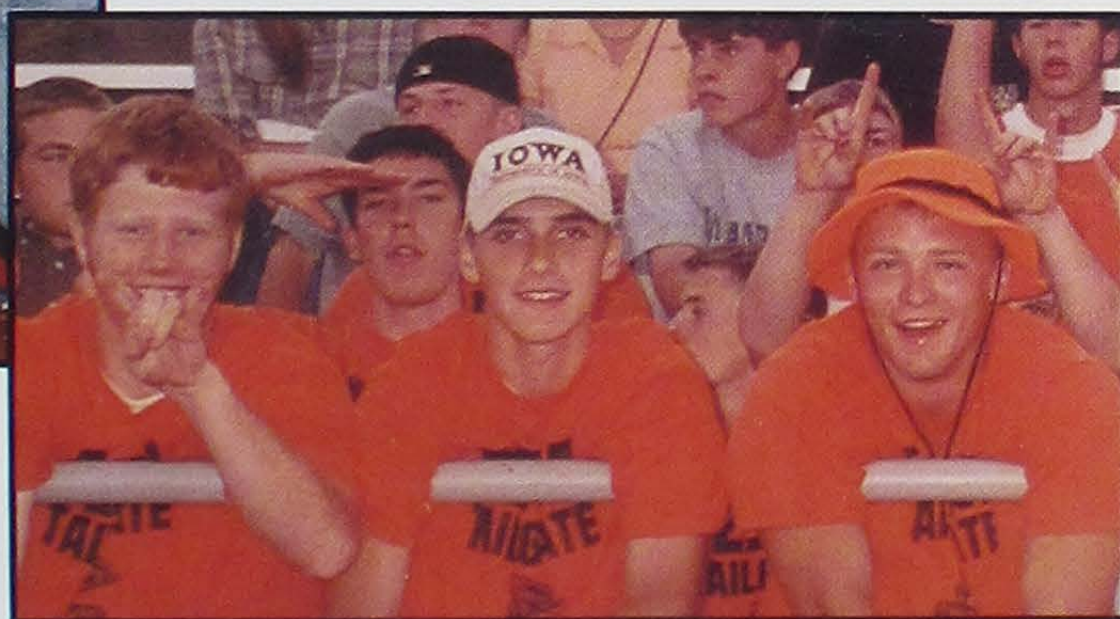


Juniors **Shawn Sebastian**, and **John Mowers** pour over the new yearbook in the junior/senior room. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Sophomore **Mike Mortensen** is mummified by sophomore **Erica Lynn** during the homecoming kick-off. (photo by S. Chung)

Team-Tailgate members senior **Kevin Huls**, junior **Steven Bauer**, and senior **Jeff Kinley**, fill their place at the front rail during a home football game. (photo by Brian Jensen)



## A TRADITION CONTINUES:

for the second year the spirit staff has taken steps to ensure the most accurate representation possible of the school year. we have continued the week-by-week format this year. we have captured the year as it happened. we have created a book which shows not only what happened but when it happened. in years to come you will be able to not only relive the memories, but to relive the moment. a yearbook is to capture the year so you can remember it. this book comes at the beginning for some, and at the end for others. this book comes at the end of one millennium and at the beginning of another making it...

## The Beginning of the End

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## HELLO! GOODBYE!

welcome back! where are you going? where have you been? here i am. what's up? i missed you! i just want to get out of here. good to see you again! i've gotta go. are they together? she just wants to be friends. i hate school. i love being with my friends. i hate him. she is to die for. this place is so big. i hate living in a small town. three days to makeup! three less days of school! i studied all night. i have to finish my research paper during lunch. we watched movies. i got smashed. friends forever! they come and they go. i could spend the rest of my life here. time for me to move on. *The Beginning of the End*

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Members of the marching band entertain the crowd during the homecoming halftime show. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Sophomores **Megan Eernisse** and **Megan Whited** decorate the bus for the girls Cross country team. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Adam Diesburg** expresses his carfree side, in drag, at the homecoming half-time show. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

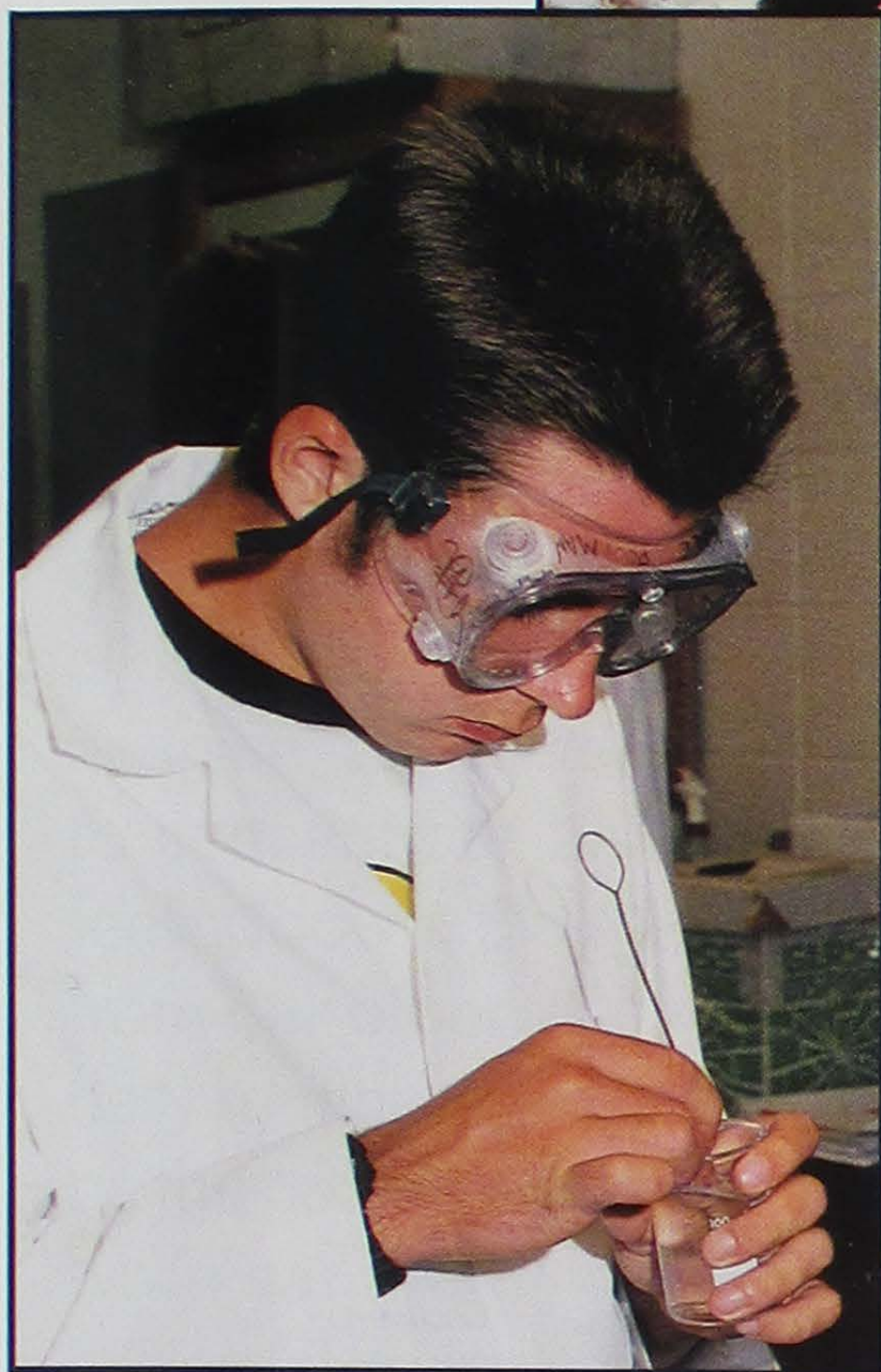
Junior **Lindsay Kiliper** decorates a t-shirt to show her school spirit during homecoming week. (photo by Mandi Hardy)







Seniors **Meagan Norlin**, **Erin Bilyeu**, **Andrea Martin**, and junior **Jessica Bents** cuddle with a puppy at the SADD float before the homecoming parade. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Kyle Poorman** carefully scrubs clean his beaker after finishing a chemistry lab. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Tim Noxin** checks his measurements during a chemistry lab, while sporting hair curlers as a practical joke. (photo by Stacey Chung)





Seniors **Megan Polpelka** and **Molly McNertney** try to entice fans to participate in the wave during a home football game. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Junior **Liz Vogel**, takes a moment from directing the band to watch the game. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Members of the colorguard dress as the cast from their favorite summer movie (*Men in Black*). (photo by Mandi Hardy)



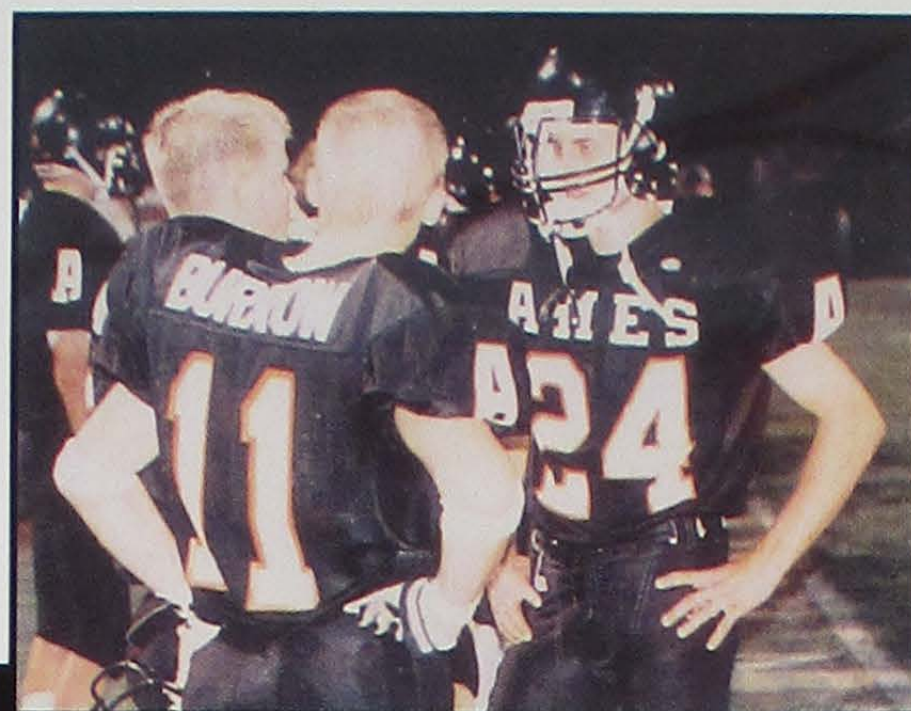
## SHAPING OUR FUTURE

the activities of students at ahs are varied from one grade to another, all the way down from one person to another. what we do here shapes our future, as little as we like to admit it; what we do here has a huge impact on our future. where we are coming from and where we are going. what we have accomplished and what we will accomplish. from academics, to clubs, to sports, we all participate. our activities define us, they shape and mold our actions and responses. they allow us to deal with things we despise, and give us something to concentrate on when we are feeling down. they provide a break from our otherwise monotonous daily routines. we will continue to be the people we make ourselves while we are here. we are in a million different places. some just beginning and others preparing to leave. it was...

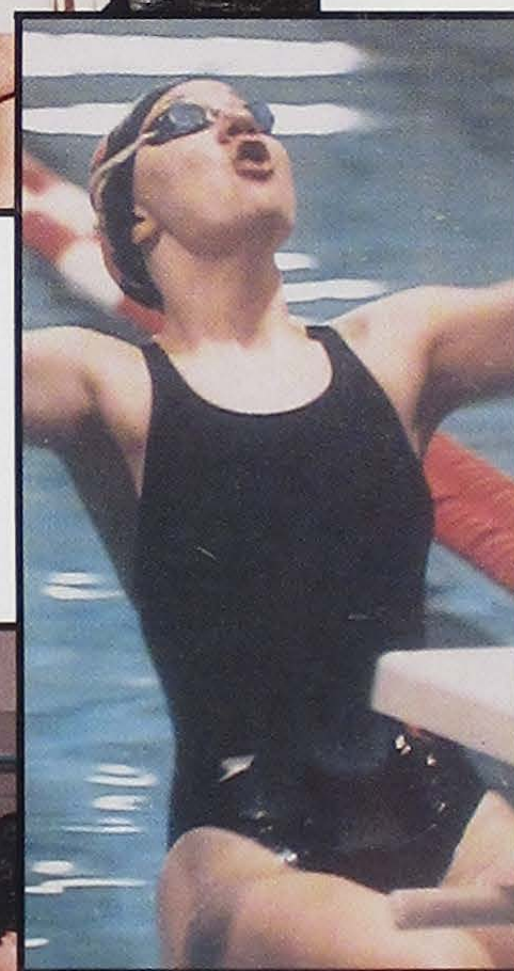
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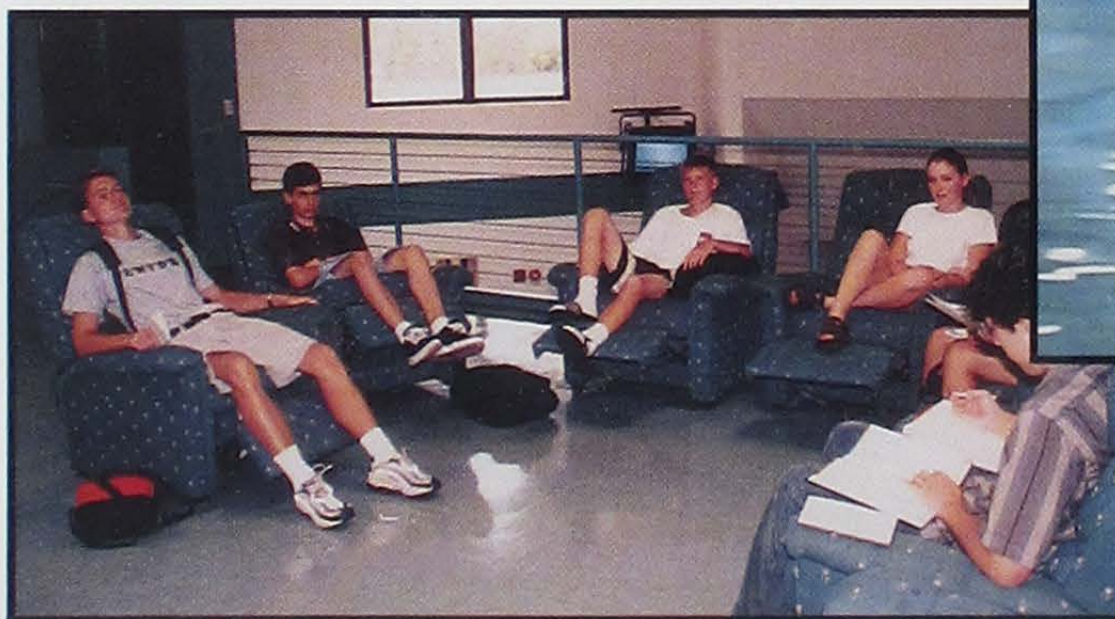
Seniors **Garret Burrier**, **Erik Distler**, and Juiniior **Dan Burrow** discuss stragety for the game. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Students prepare to welcome the homecoming king and queen, during the halftime show, at the homecoming game. (photo by Amy Chung)

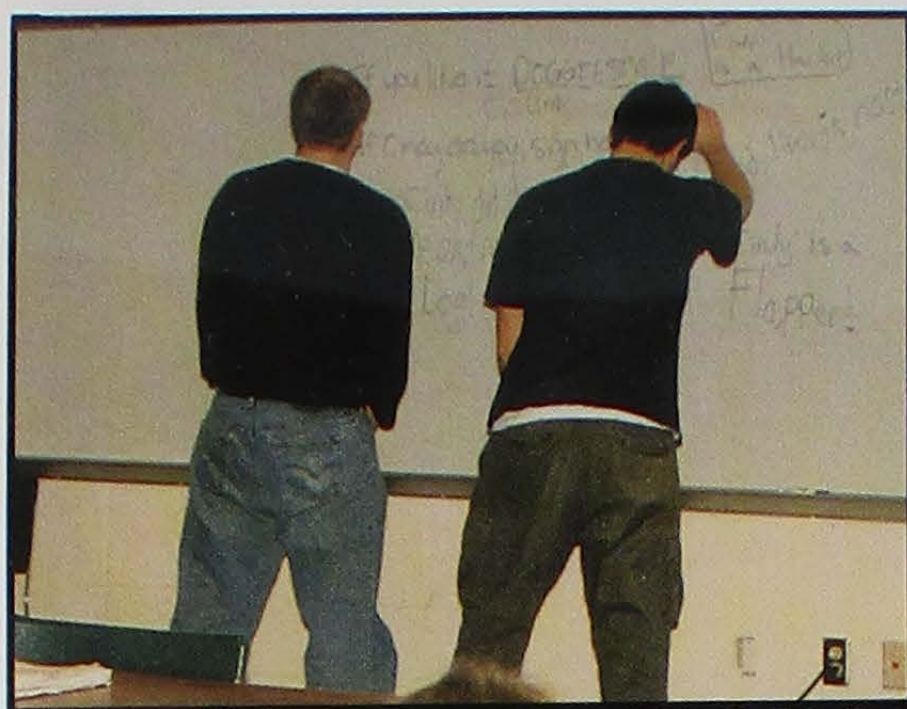


Senior **Mandy Noll** starts her back stroke at the state swim conference. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

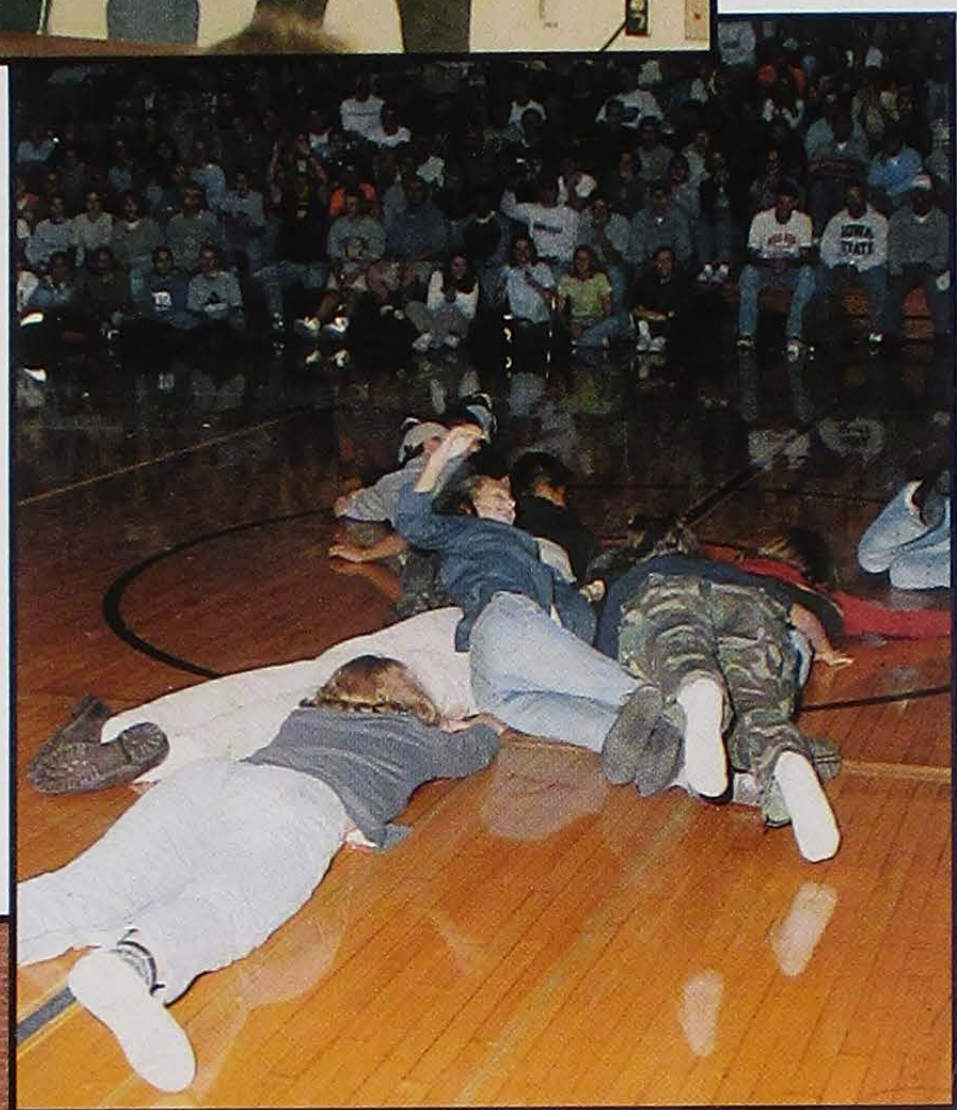


Students take a moment to relax in the student lounge above the back lobby. The lounge was a place for students to work, talk, or just relax. (photo by Mandi Hardy)





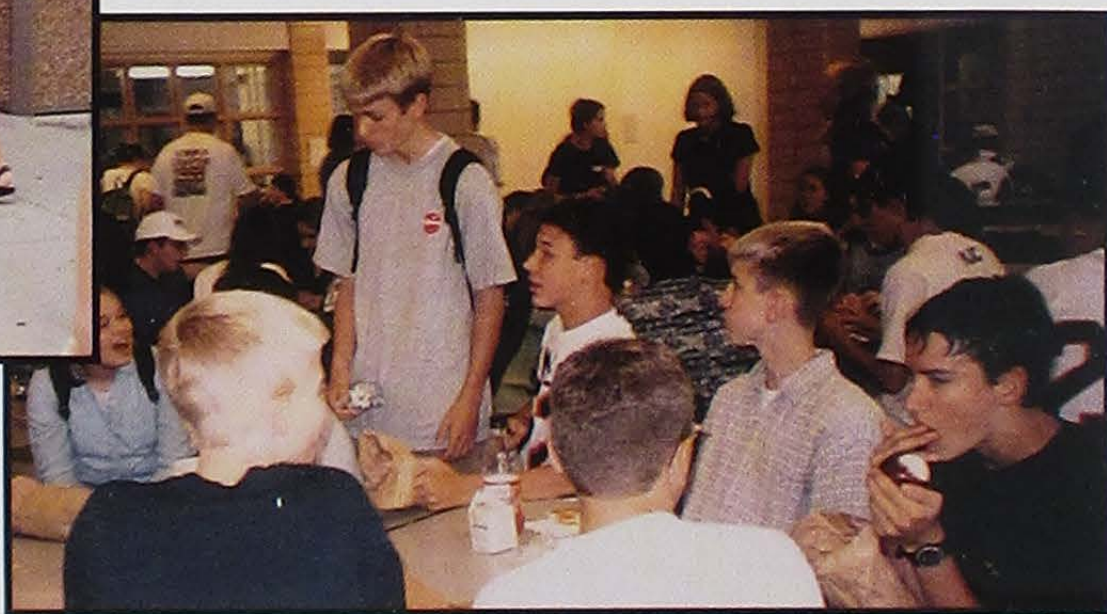
Seniors **John O'Connell** and **Nate Ginder** do their part in a harassment seminar. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Members of the junior class scramble in an effort to win the body spell. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Seniors **TJ Clark** and **Daniel Fernandez-Baca** greet each other in front of the school before the first day of classes. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Students use their lunch period as a time to catch up on what's going on their lives. (photo by Stacey Chung)

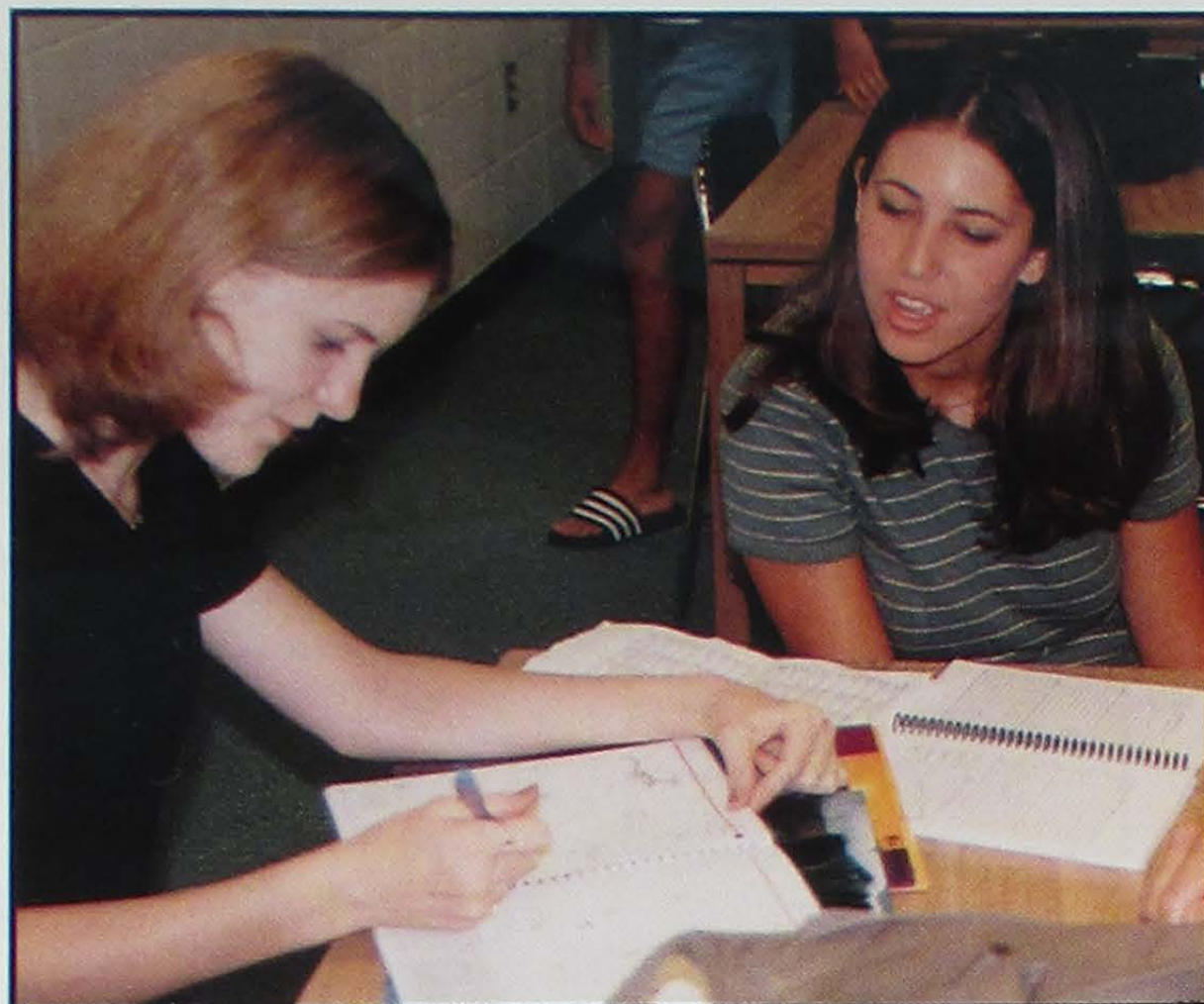
## A STUDENT'S LIFE

the halls were more crowded than ever this year; with one thousand six hundred forty-three students pushing, pulling, and even screaming for space. the year started with study halls in the auditorium, and multipurpose room. a new security system on all of the computers, and still leaking ceilings frustrated students everyday. with bomb threats, and guarded doors ames high became another big school in america. this atmosphere was where freshmen started their high school lives, and where seniors finished theirs. some students looked forward to another year. others resented the idea of returning. some were sad to leave, while others were glad to get out. it was... *The Beginning of the End*

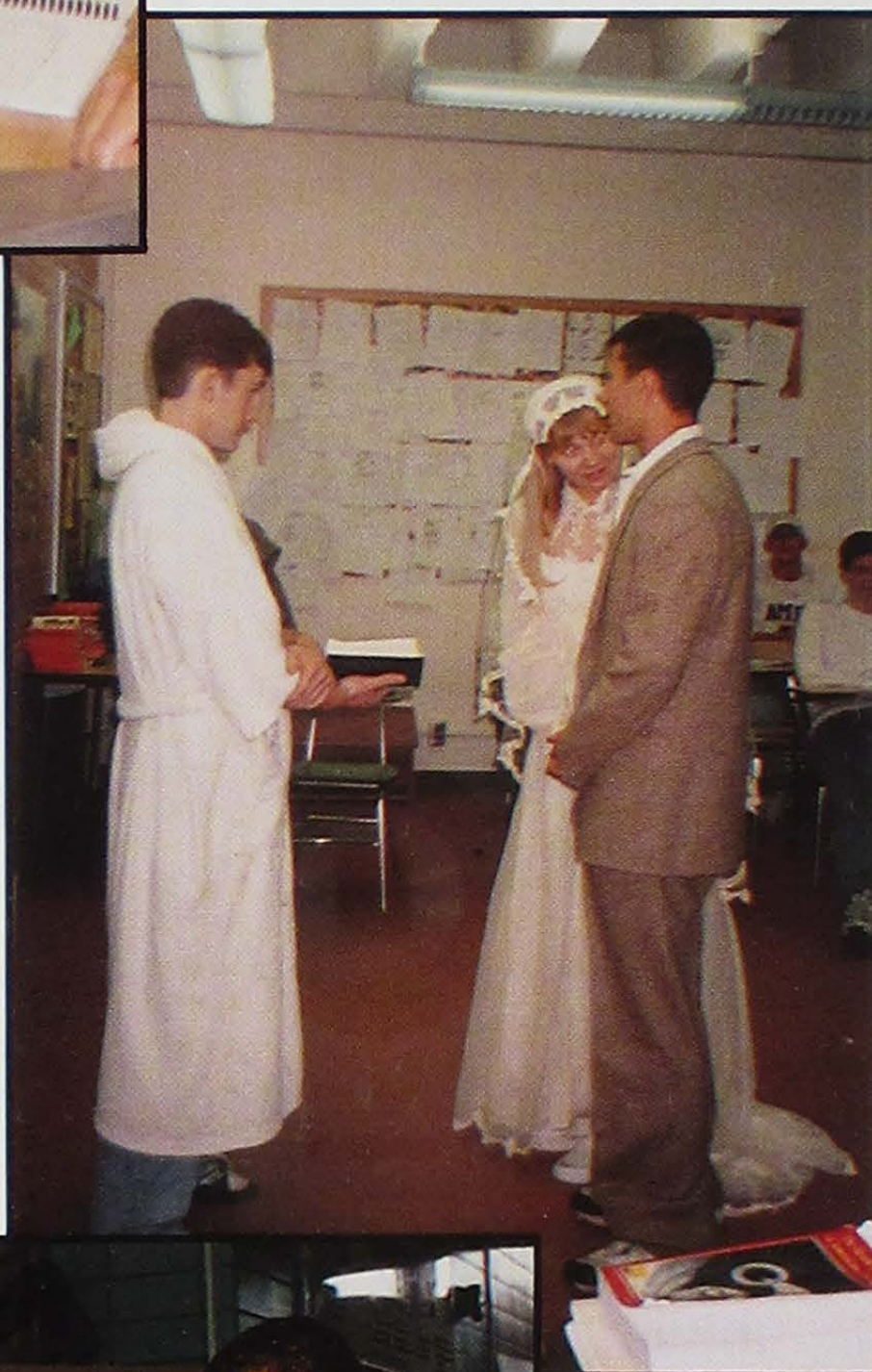
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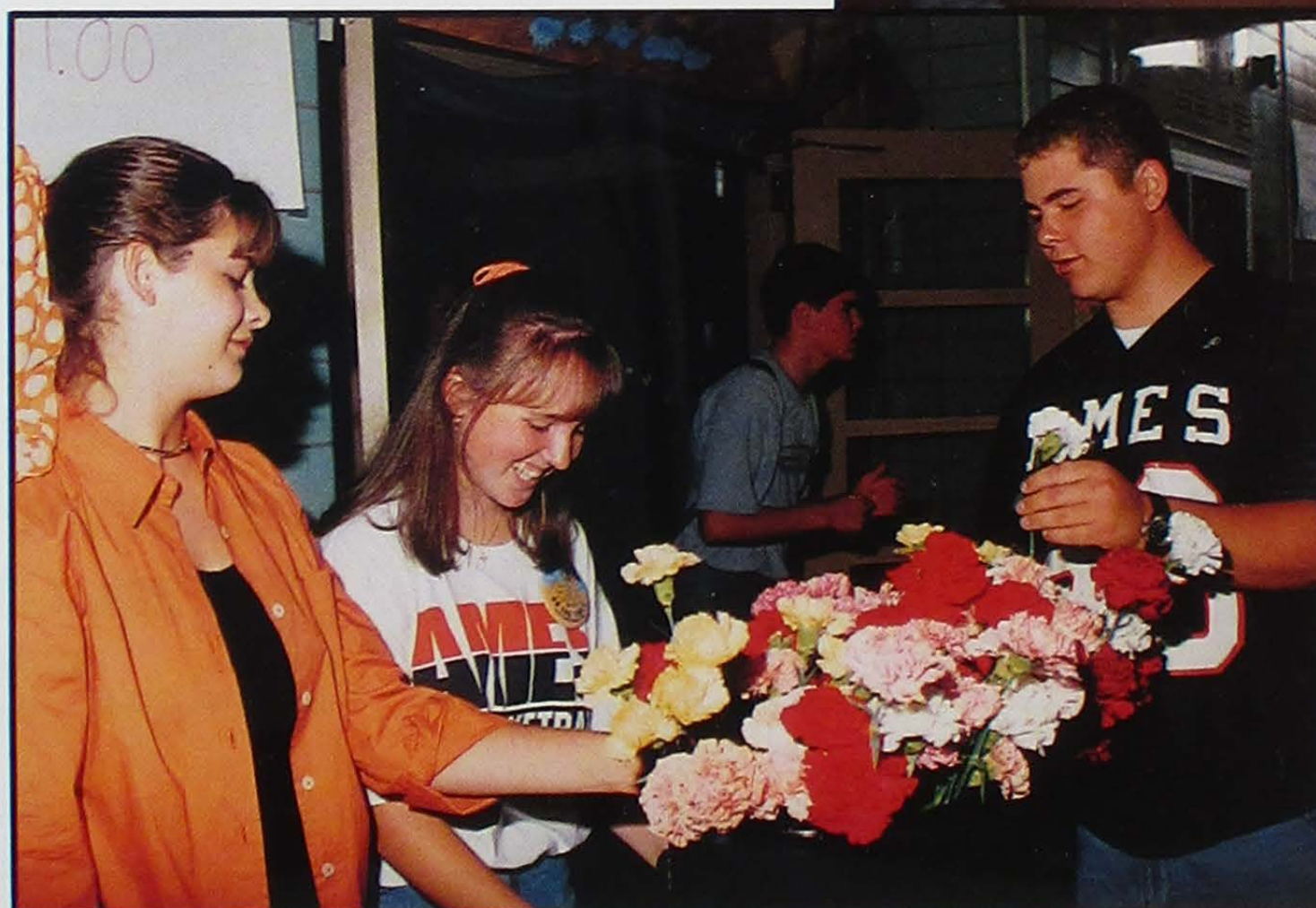
Juniors  
**Tricia Fogarty**,  
and  
**Stephanie Hallberg**  
confer about  
each others'  
activities.  
The junior/  
senior room  
was a  
common-  
place for  
students to  
meet. (photo  
by Mandi  
Hardy)



Do you  
take this  
woman...  
Wedding  
bells were  
ringing for  
seniors  
**Erik Distler**,  
and  
**Mandy Noll**  
during a  
skit in  
their  
English  
class.  
(photo by  
Tonja  
Brooks)



Junior  
**Richard Harman**  
buys a  
flower for  
his  
sweetheart  
from  
freshmen  
**Rachel Jones**  
and **Kelly Packer**.  
The  
flowers  
were sold  
by  
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an effort to  
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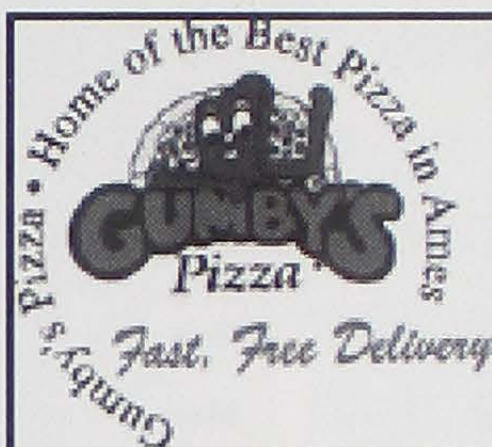
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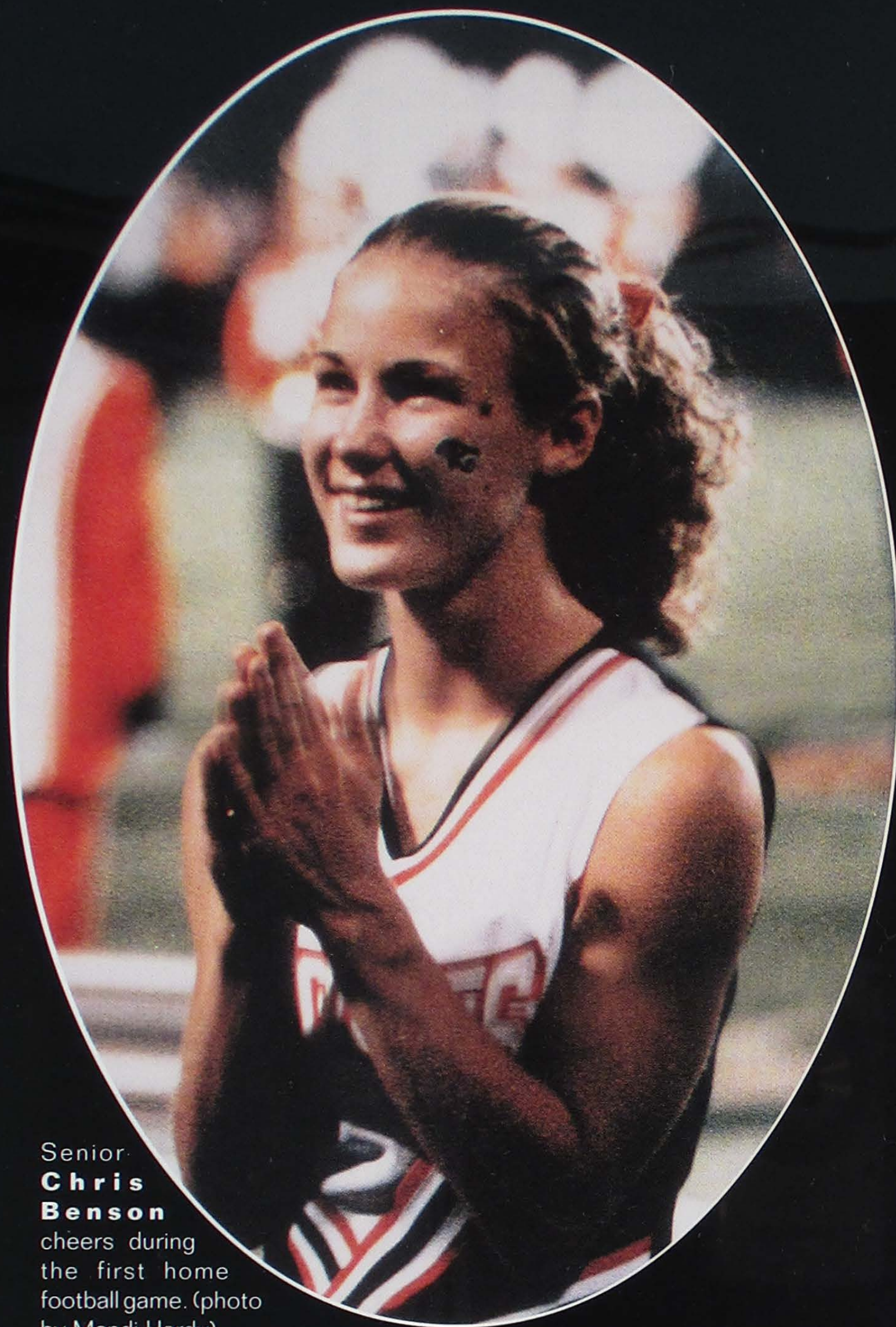
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kick-off. first free period. first late start. first assembly. first  
student council party. first early dismissal. drake  
all-state conference. ited tests. labor day.  
reacquaintance with old friends.  
first football game.  
boys' golf  
meet.

boys' golf team goes to state. first day off. first meeting of clubs.  
first band practice. first cross country meet. first girls' swim  
meet. first volleyball meet. volleyball team goes to  
state for first time. senior photo taken.  
school board election. isu band  
day. orchestra performance.  
first web published.  
homecoming  
football  
game.

'going wild on the Nile' dance. homecoming parade.  
sat and act tests given. psat/nmsqt test given.  
war with iraq. impeachment hearings.  
fall choral concert. all-state  
ensemble concert.  
career day.  
college  
fair.

*1st Quarter*





Senior  
**Chris  
Benson**  
cheers during  
the first home  
football game. (photo  
by Mandi Hardy)

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*We've Only Just Begun*

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**14** - Flag Day

**21** - Father's Day

**1-2** - Girls' golf state meet

**1** - Softball at Boone

**22** - Baseball at Mason City

**2** - Boys' tennis, team state

**8** - Semester exams, last day of classes

**3** - Baseball at Knoxville

**10** - Baseball at SE Polk

**17-20** - Softball at Roland-Story Tourn.

**4-6** - Girls' tennis, team state

**4** - Baseball at Ankeny

**11** - Girls' soccer at Newton

**5** - Boys' soccer, state tournament

**19** - Softball at Roland-Story Tourn.

**6** - SAT testing

**13** - ACT testing

**20** - Girls' soccer at Conf. Invite

## Chills and Spills, A Trip of Thrills

By Erin Martin

The '98 summer Europe trip visited five countries: England, France, Switzerland, Italy, and Greece. Fifteen students went on the trip, and were accompanied by five chaperones.

The three week trip was filled with exciting experiences. The students visited museums, churches and the famous Notre Dame Cathedral. A favorite of some students was the beaches in Greece. There was plenty of shopping done by everyone, with good bargains to be had, such as cheaply priced Doc Martens. Another thrill of the trip was seeing a performance of *Phantom of the Opera* while in London.

With rainy weather, the opera was a good activity for their stay in the city. London was just one of many cities visited by the group.

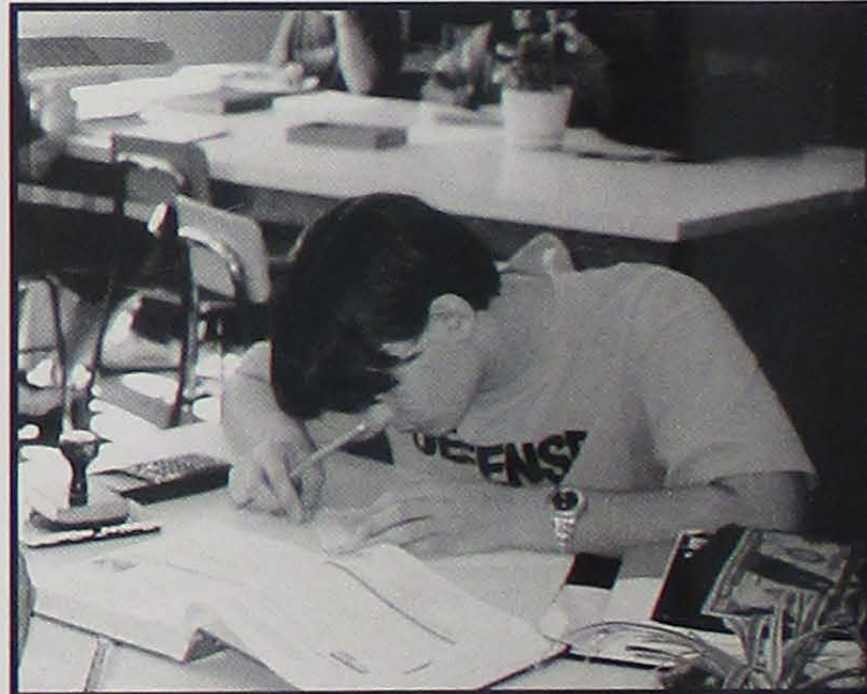
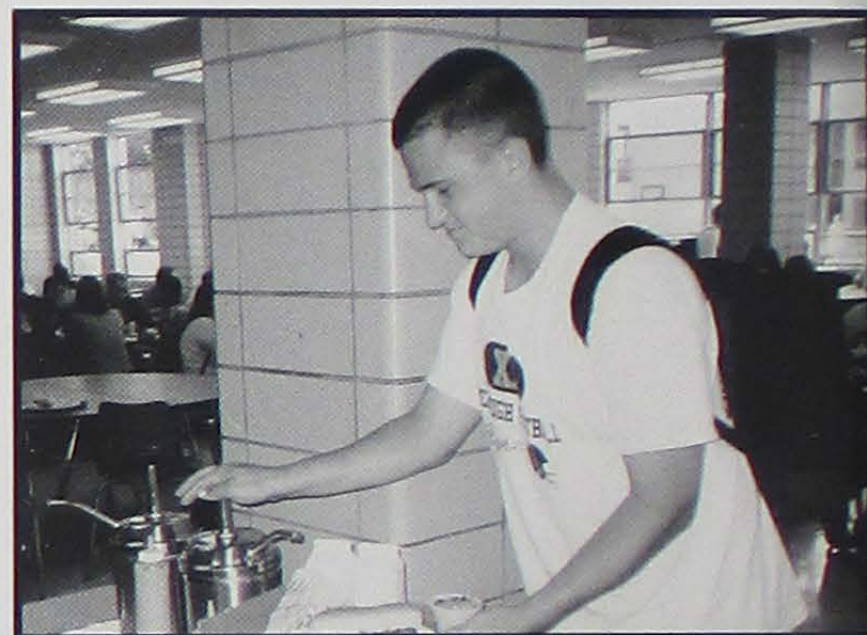
"My favorite city was Lucerne, Switzerland, because we hiked up one of the Swiss Alps and it was very gorgeous and very clean. Also, everyone loved my name," senior **Heidi McElroy** said.

The students weren't alone on this trip though. They were joined by three other groups from Texas, Ohio, and California. Not only were new friends made from other states, but from other countries too. It was a great experience for everyone who took the long, hard journey.

Students pause on the Europe trip to capture the essence of the Louve, before advancing onto their next destination. (photo courtesy of Kayla Anderson)



Junior **Jeff Calentine** dreams of a grilled t-bone steak and an ear of corn during the last week of school. Although the cafeteria and Little Cyclone Express provided a wide variety of meals for students, many would have rather had more choices. "The choices in the cafeteria are limited and boring. I would put in a McDonald's, definitely a McDonald's. But, Pizza Hut provides a good selection, too. Maybe a Pizza Hut," junior **Jeff Christian** said. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Junior **Wojciech Kornaga** studies for the finals at the end of his sophomore year. Sophomores were still getting used to the high school finals and the impact on their grades. Finals were the last chance students to bring up their grades. (photo by Stacey Chung)



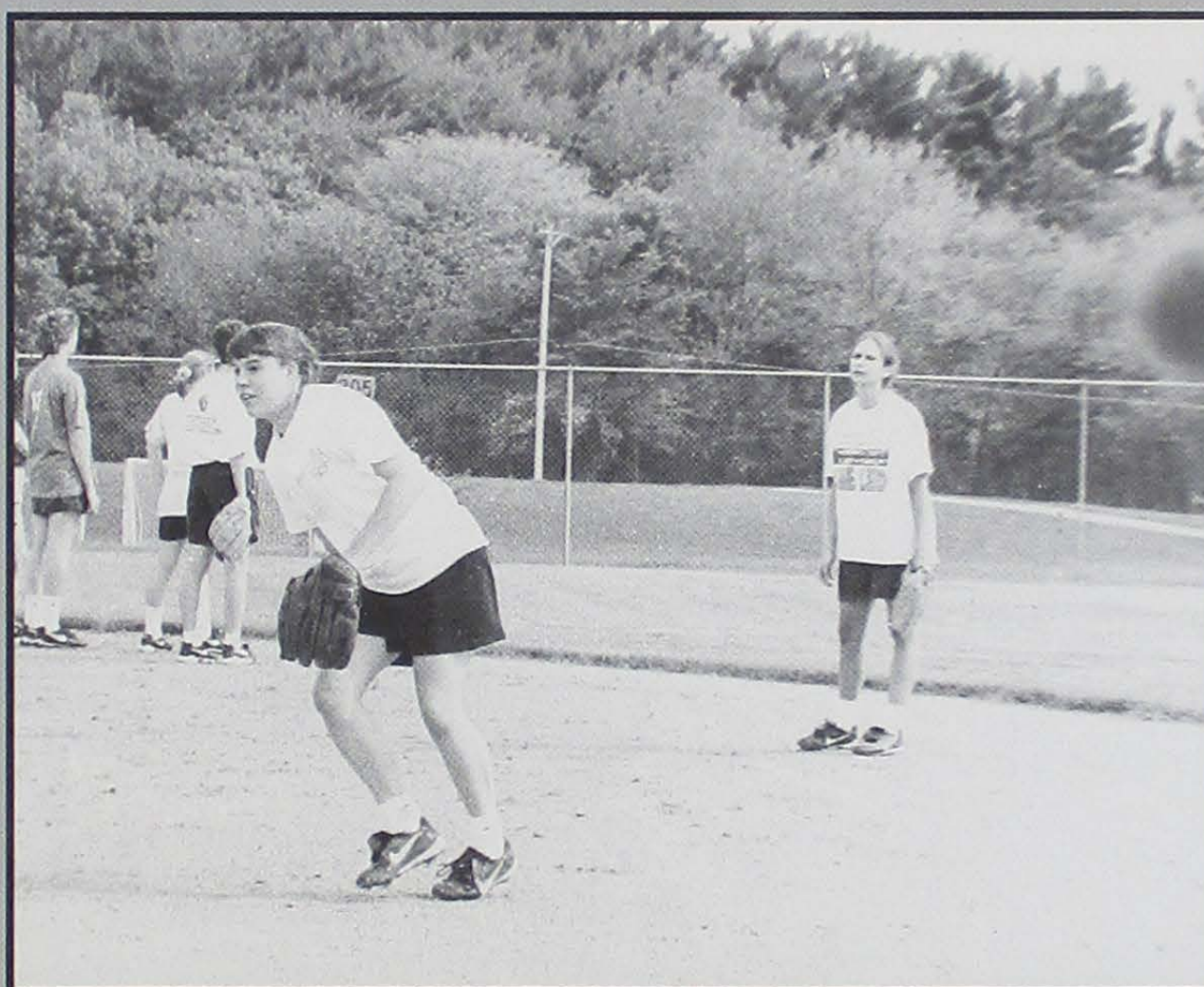
St. Cecilia Church youth take a break from their volunteer work on their trip to Appalachia in Kentucky. The group spent the week building homes for poverty-stricken families. "It was a neat experience to spend time helping others," junior **Melissa Heer** said. (photo courtesy of Van Fleet)



Senior **Mandi Hardy** experienced a unique opportunity this summer, scuba diving in Crystal River, Florida, famous for the manatees. Scuba diving was so great, but unfortunately when the summer was over I had to come home to fun ol' Iowa and you can imagine all of the diving experiences here. Definitely the best part of my summer." (photo courtesy of Mandi Hardy)

## Homerun Heroines

by Molly Muehe



For most, summer was a time for fun and friends. The girls' softball team agreed as well.

"The team was very close and had a blast hanging out together," senior **Megan Sweeney** said.

Although their 12-31 record was somewhat disappointing, it didn't hold the girls back from having fun.

"The girls usually did their own thing. They enjoyed the overnights especially," varsity head coach **Gary Gorman** said.

The biggest goal of the summer was to beat Urbandale. "They were our biggest rival, because we despise two of their players with a passion. We whooped them 10-5," Sweeney said. "It was the greatest feeling."



# July

S	<b>6</b> - Softball at Ankeny  <b>6</b> - Baseball at Valley  <b>20</b> - Baseball Substate	<b>14</b> - Baseball at Mason City  <b>14</b> - Softball at Marshalltown	W	<b>9</b> - Softball at Urbandale  <b>23</b> - Baseball Substate  <b>30</b> - Baseball State Tournament	<b>10</b> - Baseball vs. Urbandale  <b>10</b> - Softball at Nevada  <b>31</b> - Baseball State Tournament	<b>4</b> - Softball at Roland-Story Classic  <b>11</b> - Softball at Nevada Tournament  <b>18</b> - Baseball Substate
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Senior **Shannon Floyd** surrounded by senior friends, **Lori Olson, Sarah Osmundson, Kristi Roosa, Molly McNertney** and **Stacey Chung**, are enjoying a summer evening, to see Floyd off to Chicago. Floyd later returned early in the year. Videos were watched, music was played, and gifts and cards were numerous. Mid-summer night parties were a great way for friends to keep in contact with each other during the break. Driving by various Ames parks, many parties could be seen, including birthdays and sport pick-up games. (photo courtesy of Chung)



Most people spent their summers here in Ames or taking trips with their families. One student spent seven weeks in New York as a model. Senior **Ben Grotewold** put a lot of time and money into having a modeling agency discover

his talent. He's looking forward to reaping the benefits in the future. "Although modeling was fun, it's a lot harder than people think," Grotewald said. (photo courtesy of Ben Grotewold)



Alone at home on another Friday night, senior **Brigham Van Auken** attempts to play a rousing game of foosball by himself. He found that staying home once in a while was a very relaxing way

for him to sit back and think about life. Many students found comfort in their homes before entering the crowded halls and pressures of school. (photo courtesy of Brigham Van Auken)



# A Summer of Hits

By Erin Martin

Team unity and good sportsmanship were just two of the factors that helped bond the varsity baseball team. With a record of 19-20 they did not quite make the cut for the playoffs, but they still learned a lot about the game and themselves.

"The thing I enjoyed most about coaching this year's team was the comradery. I also enjoyed watching them get better every day," varsity assistant coach **Chuck Stevens** said. "The players thought they could have done better, but we really ended strong."

The players seemed to have mixed feelings about the season.

"It was an average season," senior **Tony**

**Albaugh** said. "We had a lot of inexperienced players, so it was tough."

"We had really good team unity this year," senior **Ryan Paul** said. "We played together well and we also had a very enthusiastic bench."

The sophomore baseball team wasn't just a sophomore team this year. They were joined by a group of promising freshmen.

"The season went well. There were a few freshmen who joined the team to help the sophomores out, but our team still got along very well," sophomore **Graham Van Horn** said.

You might say the freshmen season didn't go very well. Or you could say the freshmen

weren't very lucky. Considering the fact over half of their games got cancelled due to weather conditions, they really didn't get much playing time in.

"We weren't very good this year, and we only won six or eight games," sophomore **Ben Swenson** said.

Overall, the season went well for all teams. High expectations helped the teams accomplish their goals. There was plenty of support for all of the teams. The varsity team was a great set of role models, and made sure to take time out of their busy schedules to attend the underclassmen games.



After quickly flipping off his catcher's mask, senior **Tony Albaugh** fields the bunt as the batter takes off for first base. "We really learned to play together well as a team this year," Albaugh said. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



"Put me in, coach!" The varsity baseball team prepares to take the field before the nightcap game of one of their many doubleheaders. (photo by Tonja Brooks)



Several senior guys party down at one of many summer gatherings. During the summer, friends often found themselves staying out late, taking advantage of the carefree days of summer. (photo by Stacey Chung)



# August

**9 - Family Day**

**10-14**  
Football camp

**17-21 -**  
Marching  
band work-  
shop

**26 -**  
Womens'  
Equality Day

**13-14 -** New  
teacher  
orientation

**21 - Boys'**  
golf at  
Johnston

**10-14**  
Volleyball  
camp

**24 -** First day  
of classes

**20 - Boys'**  
golf at  
Marshalltown

**28 -** Fall  
Sports Kick-  
Off

Juniors **Danielle Cain** and **Nicole Olson** take a break from biking across Iowa on RAGBRAI. Together they each biked 600 miles and partied for a solid week. (photocourtesy of Danielle Cain)

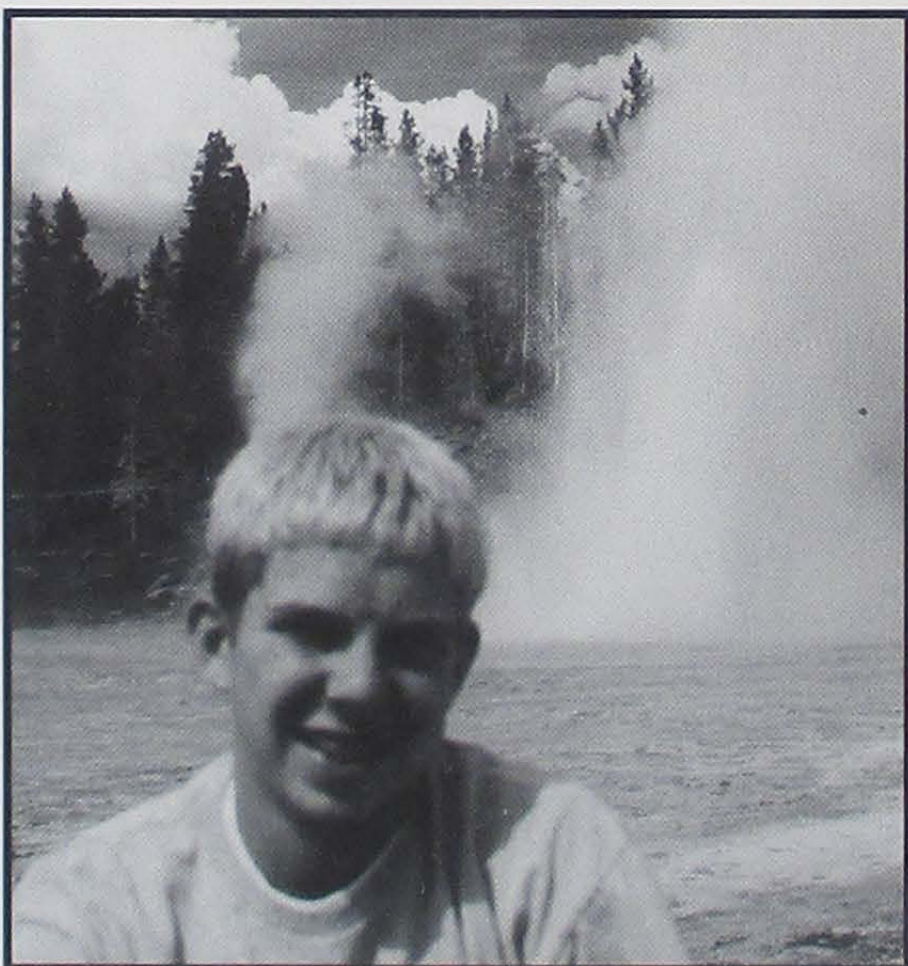


Seniors **Molly McNertney**, **Erin Maysent**, **Shannon Floyd**, and **Kristi Roosa** sit back and enjoy the last days of

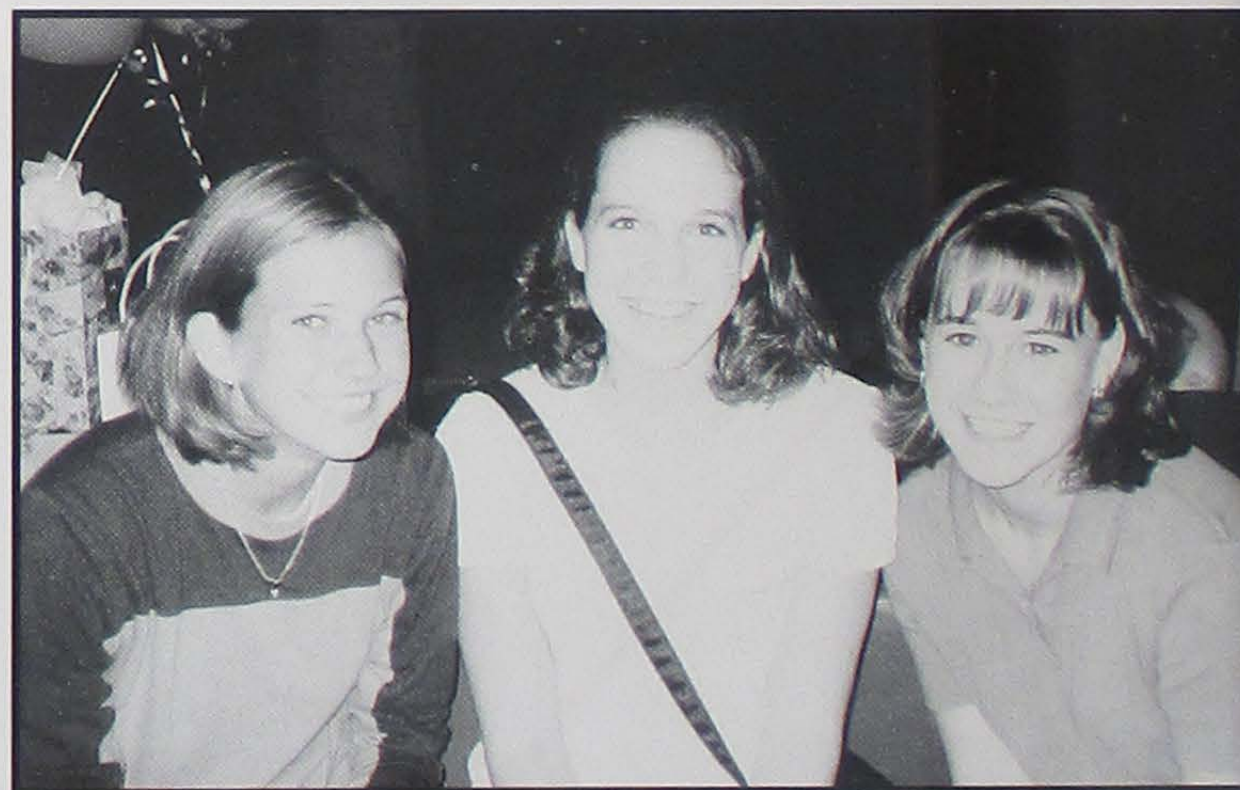
summer. Many students hung out at the friends houses during the summer months. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Missy Ridnour** spends some quality time with her boyfriend from Gilbert. Many students spent time with their significant others during the summer. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Sophomore **Graham Van Horn** enjoys nature watching on a family vacation at Yellowstone National Park. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Seniors **Tiffany Belz**, **Mary Jischke**, and **Taylor Anderson** savor the last days of summer by spending time at one of many end of summer parties. (photo by Stacey Chung)



# Fun at the Fair

by Molly Muehe

Food. Games. Food. Rides. More food. Concerts. This was what people thought of when they were asked about the Iowa State Fair. The fair, which happens every year, consisted of ten action-packed, fun-filled days, where many gathered in the Des Moines area to see what the fair had to offer.

"I go to the fair every year with my family. It's always a fun and interesting experience. We campout every year," junior **Jessica Bents** said.

The state fair also brought on new perspectives, by introducing people to new and different things.

"I couldn't believe all the different types of vegetables. I was amazed by the mutant squash," junior **Lindsey Wright** said.

In order to contain all this fun in one area for ten short days, there were a variety of buildings with crops, livestock, and arts and crafts. Special art contests even took place. Senior **Foy Spicer** placed in the photography category.

Students went to the fair for all sorts of reasons. They included wanting to see their friends exhibits, ride the rides, eat the food, and see the butter cow. It turned out to be fun for everyone.



Junior **Jessica Bents** was one "happy camper" when her friend senior **Jason Crawford** came to hang out with her at the fair for a day. Their faces reflect their opinion of the heat they experienced at the fair. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



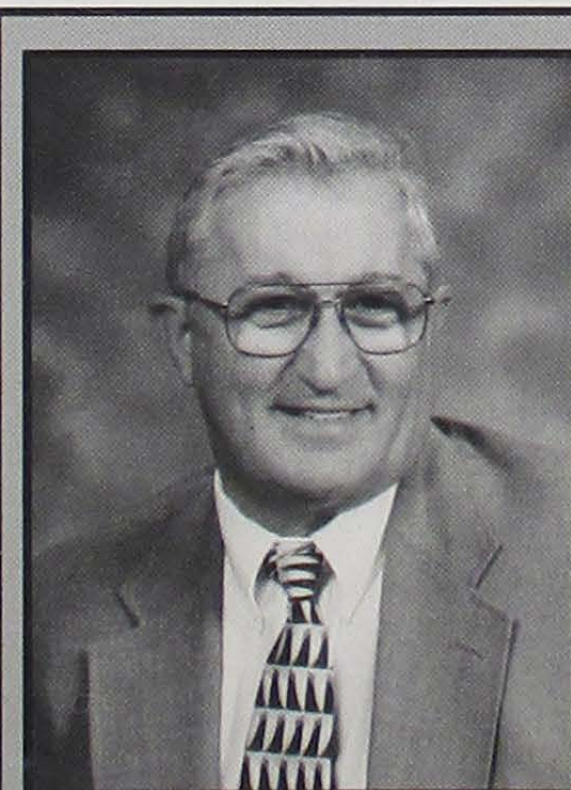
Darin Johnson puts the finishing touches on the doors of the new fitness center outside the swimming pool. Construction started before the last school year ended and continued throughout the sum-

mer. The school received the new equipment courtesy of the booster club. Students seemed excited about using the new equipment and working out in the new room. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Construction on eight new tennis courts started in the summer of '98 and was a welcome addition to our school and to

the Ames community. The new courtswere to be among the best in the CIML conference. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



"The Fitness center will be a splendid addition to all students, not only the athletes. It has been a great project from the beginning to the time of its completion. Both the student body and the community can be proud of it," athletic director **Bud Legg** said. "It has been the ambition of a lot of people, such as Paul R. Jones, and to the people who bought Walk of Fame blocks. The generosity of the community made this project become a reality."



# August 23-29

**Ames** - First  
day of classes

**Ames** -  
Boys' golf vs.  
Marshalltown

**Nation** -  
Womens'  
Equality Day

**Ames** -  
Fall Sports  
Kick-Off held  
to introduce  
fall sport  
participants  
and celebrate  
the new  
seasons

**Ames** -  
Senior Girls'  
car wash  
was held to  
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Seniors **Jeni Newton**, **Hannah Keeling** and **Sarah Gemmill** gossip in the courtyard on the first day of school during their lunch period. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

Senior **Jason Crawford** and junior **Matt Hinders** grin and bear it on the first day of school (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Runners on the girls' varsity cross country team step into position moments before a race and anxiously await the sound of the gun. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Sophomore cheerleaders **Amy Swanson**, **Julie Prindle**, and **Julie Thomas** lead the fall sports kick off balanced atop their

peers. The kick-off showcased fall sports and was an opportunity to promote the new season. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



# Hustle and Bustle

by Nicole Olson

Claustrophobic? Hope not, because extra space has been taken over by large class sizes.

The junior class was the record breaker for the largest class with 440 students. The freshmen and sophomore classes had only a few less people.

"We should have sold some freshmen to make more room," sophomore **Megan Flaws** said.

Almost every extra room, including the multipurpose room and the back half of the auditorium, were used for study halls. The junior/senior room was filled every period.

Thanks to the lack of space in the parking lot, seventy lucky juniors got to hike to class from their cars every day.

"I felt that I had just as many privileges as a sophomore. No parking pass, junior/senior room threatened to close, and no open campus," junior **Ryan Cross** said.

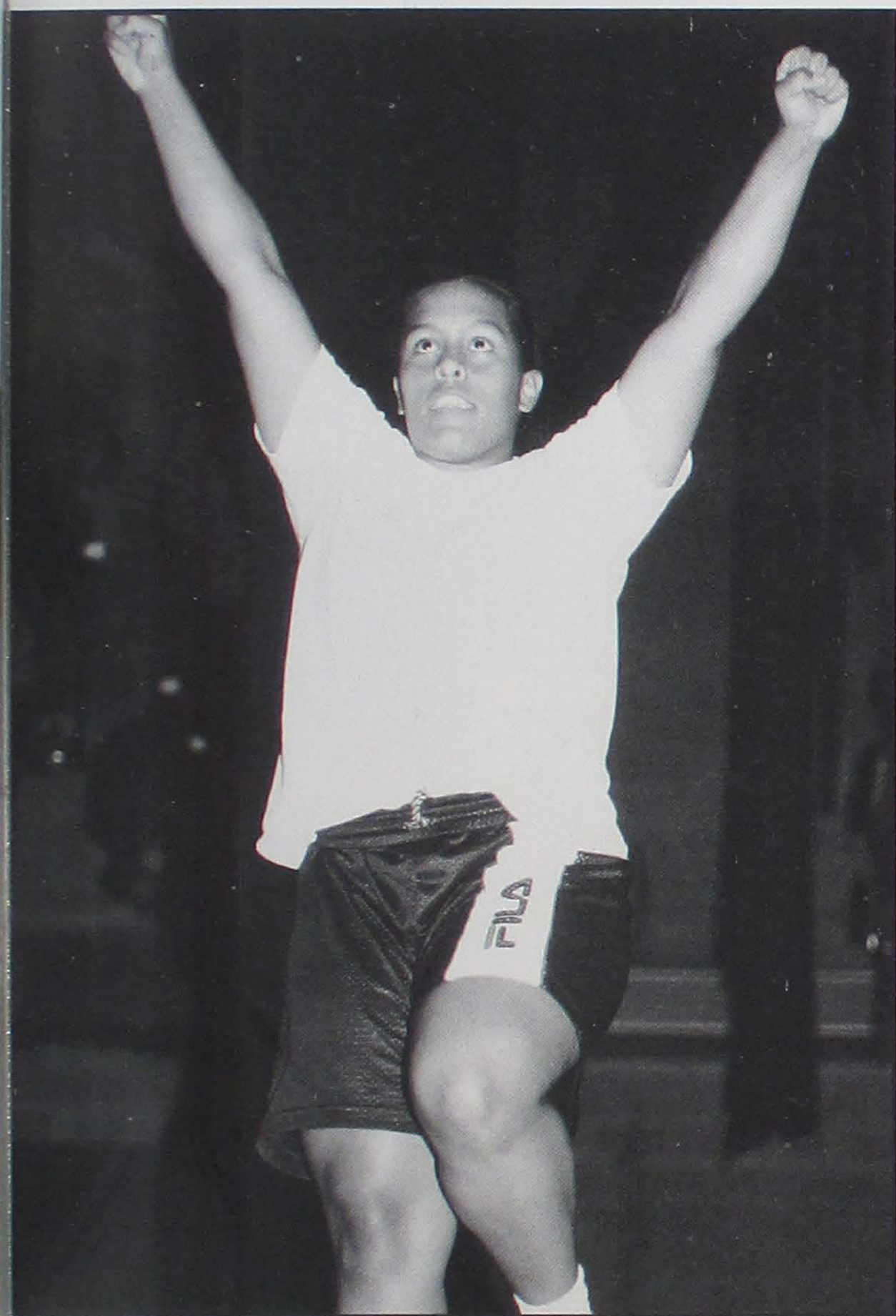
To survive the hallways without receiving bruises from all the pushing and shoving was a miracle.

"It was frustrating walking through the hallway because I'd take one step every ten minutes," senior **Roni Mukerjea** said.

Crowded hallways were a burden, but on the upside, they created opportunities to meet new people and provided excuses to be late to class. The best part about being so close to one another at one time was the smell we created.

"Packing about 900 people per square foot really helped the school's 'aroma'," sophomore **Greg Payne** said.

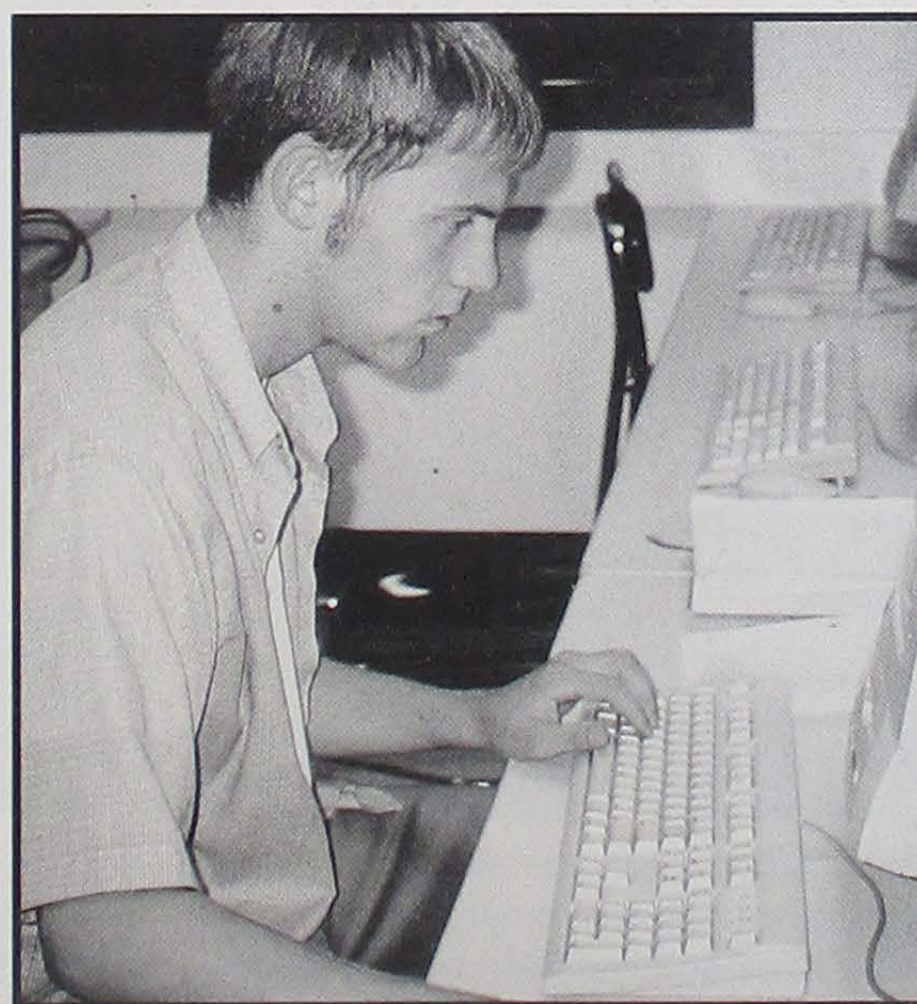
Many rearrangements and additions were made to accommodate all the students. Unfortunately, there was still no extra space in sight to help alleviate the problems.



Senior **Danielle Spencer** shows her spirit during a cheerleading practice in preparation for the fall sports kick-off. Cheerleading and other fall sports practices usually began in the week prior to school's official beginning. (photo by Sarah Rathert)



Students reacquaint with one another on the first day of school. Juniors **Ryan Cross**, **Megan Flaws** and **Kathryn Lamont** talk about what they did during the summer. Upper-classman found the junior/senior room a popular place to hang out during free periods. (Photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Jess Clyde** checks his e-mail in the computer lab during a free period. Most students used lab time to log on and surf the internet, although many had to struggle with the slow software and computers that frequently stalled. (photo by Stacey Chung)



## Another School Year, Another Problem

by Brian Jensen

Another new school year called for another new problem. This year, it wasn't three gallon buckets of water in the hall and falling chunks of roof. Nope, this year it was computers. With the twenty-first century almost upon us, Ames High decided to change with the times. But was this new system in the school's best interest?

"We needed a new security system so teachers could safely put grades on the computer without having to worry about students breaking into their files," director of technology **Bill Schoenenberger** said.

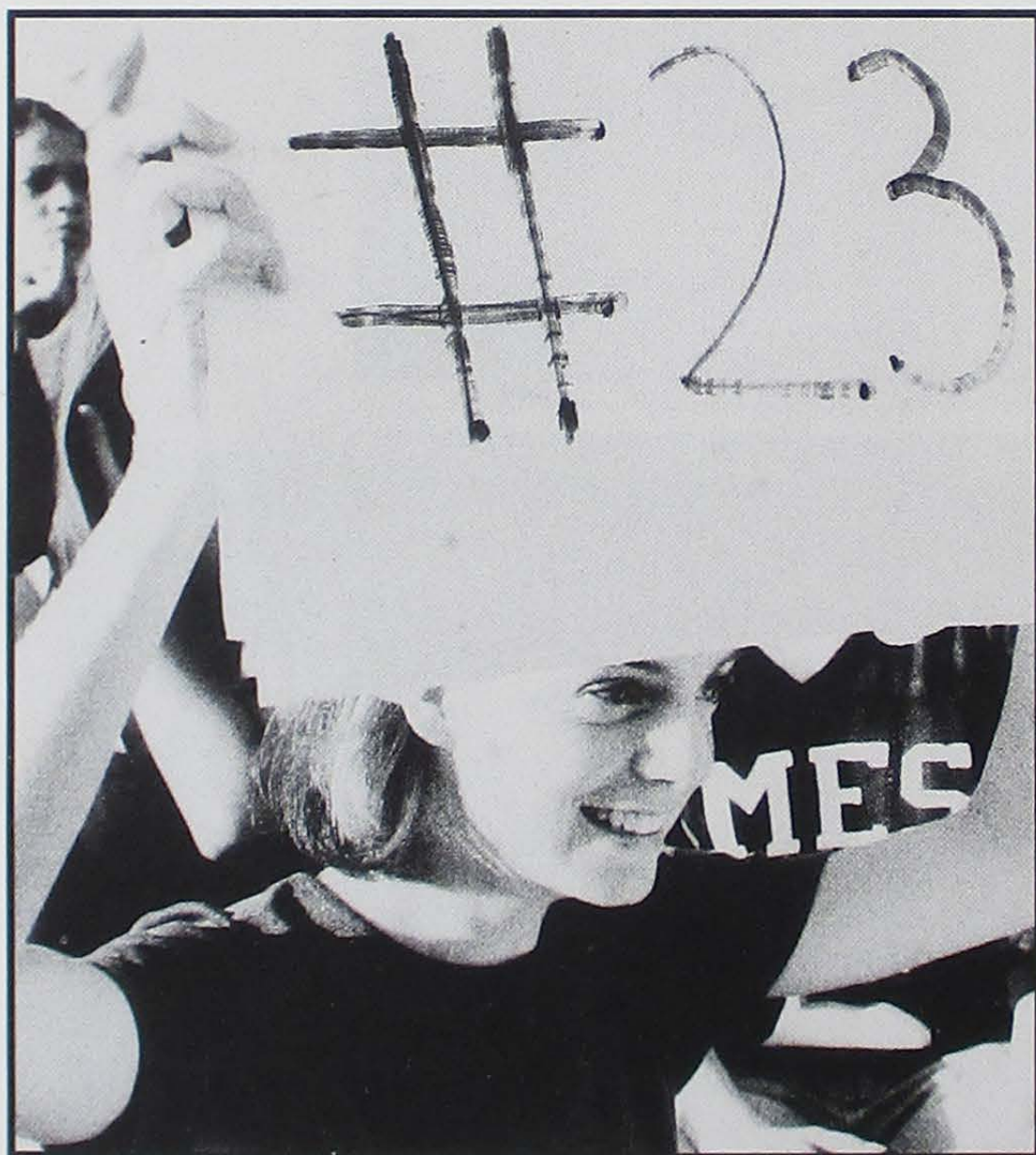
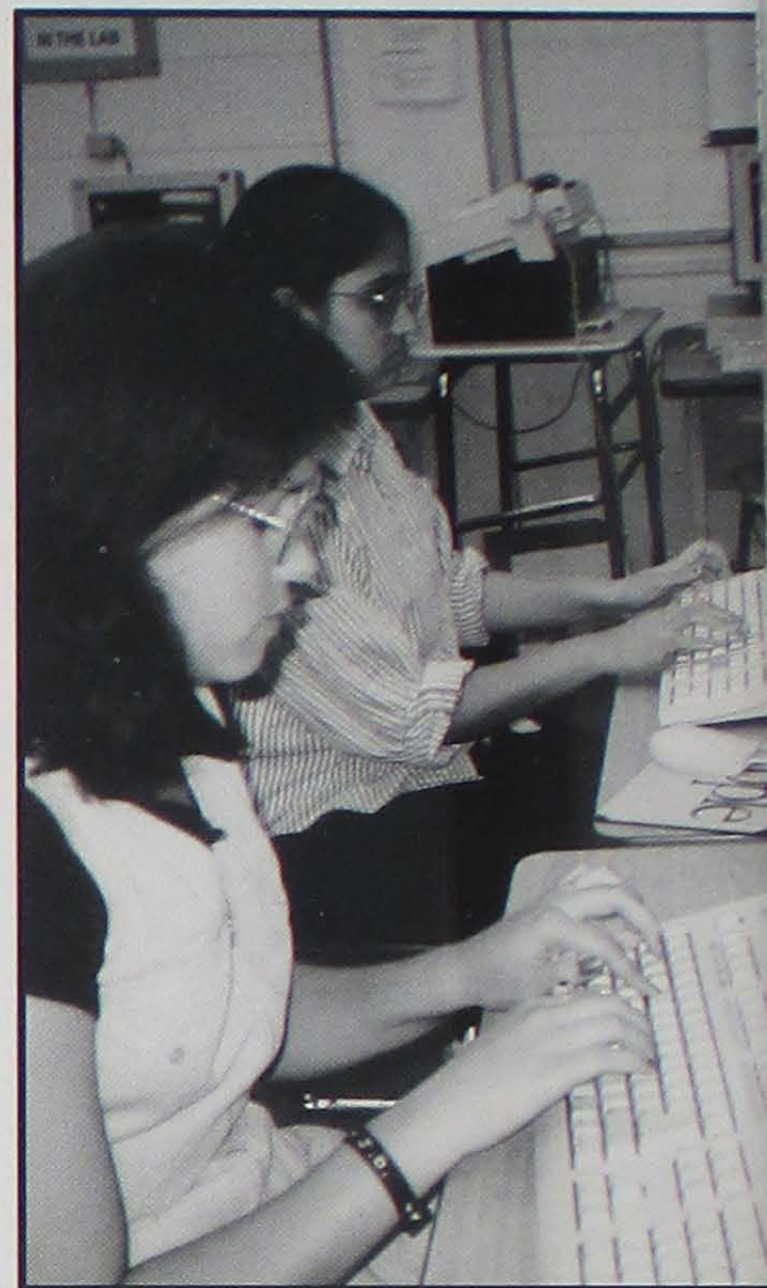
Some wondered, if administration had a problem with their computers, why couldn't they just have security on the teachers' computers and have left the computers that kids used alone? Mr.

Schoenenberger thought this new system was in everyone's best interests, but students still felt differently.

"I don't have much time to work, so I don't need to go through passwords and other crap just to type a paper," senior **Steven Honeick** said. "Besides, the teachers are just too paranoid. Kids still will find a way to break into the teachers' files."

Only time will tell if this new security system will stop kids from getting into teachers' files. By the time everything was supposedly going to be in order, students should have been able to have their own private e-mail addresses, and also should have been able to access their school files at home by the end of the first quarter. So far we haven't seen any signs of private e-mail accounts or being able to open our files at home.

**Urmilaben Patel** and **Michele Schuster** type in their passwords to gain access to the computers. After the new computer system was installed, both students and staff were faced with the problem of passwords. Each individual was assigned a specific number-letter combination that sometimes became an obstacle for computer use. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Claire Gilchrist** supports **Peter Acker**, #23, in his sophomore football game. Many students came to athletic activities for all grades and cheered the teams on. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Shawne Kingsbury** concentrates on her form as she makes a dig. "This is the year we are expected to finish high in our

conference and should be able to accomplish all of our team goals," junior **Meagan Harms** said. (photo by Amy Chung)



"To see someone finally click and go 'I can do this!' that is the neatest thing," swim coach **Nancy "Ma" Svien** said. Svien teaches ninth grade survey of earth science, and has been coaching the team for eleven years. This is her first year with assistant coach **Dan Flannery**, who is replacing

former assistant coach **Hillary Ziebold**. "The atmosphere is great," Flannery said. A few of the swimmers coached by Flannery were Junior **Lindsay Kiliper**, senior **Katherine Acker**, and sophomore **Laura Wilson**. They found time to socialize during their rigorous practices. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Football players use hard work to prepare them for the upcoming season. (Photo by Stacey Chung)



Sophomores **Nate Staniforth** and **Cal Osmundsen** and other marching band members never failed to make *Ames High Loyalty* a part of their program. They practiced the song persistently, seeking perfection. Many people found the marching band added a lot more than music and marching to the football games.

"The crowd at the football games wouldn't get as pumped up without

the band," junior **Katy Crawford** said.

Junior **Dawn Sutherland**, fan of both football and band, testified to the fact that she has never seen a mistake from the stands.

Band members will continue to take pride in the band and in their "coach," who is the only one who can declare a perfect winning record. (Photo by Mandi Hardy)



Juniors **Mike O'Connell** and **Patrick Finn** get pumped up during the first pep assembly which was a huge success. The purpose of the assembly was to get

fans involved and enthused for the season opener against Marshalltown. (photo by Stacey Chung)



With school back in session, senior **Beau Biskner** finds it hard to concentrate during class. (photo by Parsa Fattahi)



**Marshalltown**  
Girls' swim-  
ming

**Marshalltown**  
Volleyball

**Valley-**  
Boys' Golf

**Ames-**  
Booster  
Board  
meeting

**Ames -**  
Boys' and  
Girls' cross  
country,  
Ames Invite

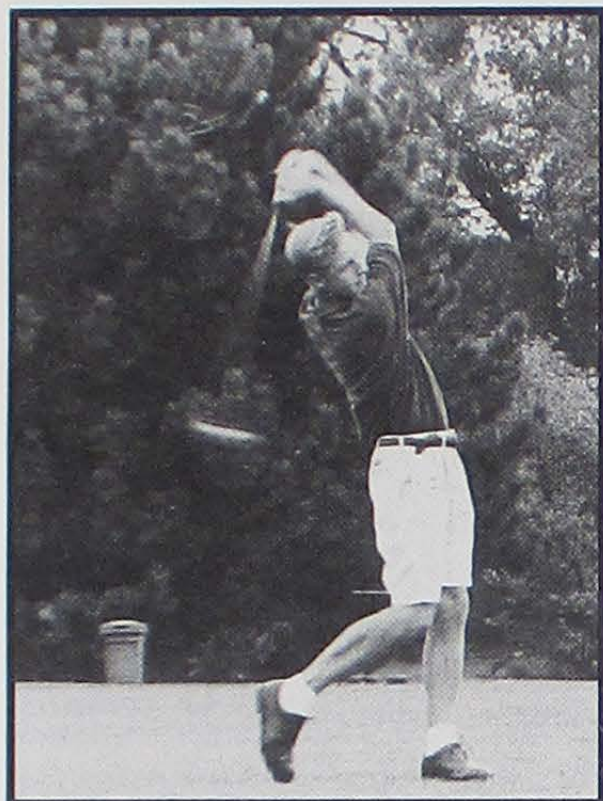
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**Ames -**  
Pep Rally

**Ames -**  
Student  
Council party

**Ames -**  
Football vs.  
Marshalltown

**Ames -**  
Earlybird  
volleyball  
tournament



Senior **Aaron Wheelock** fol-  
lows through on a swing during  
a practice session at Veenker.  
(photo by Houdy Khosarvi)

## Going for the Green

by Eknath Vittal

The boys' golf team had a lot of depth which produced a strong team. Though the team only had two returning varsity players, they felt they had a good chance of placing high at state.

"The team got off to a slow start, but we had a good team and we played well," senior **Aaron Wheelock** said.

The team was also very re-  
laxed and spent time before meets  
focusing their minds.

Junior **Aaron Brown** took

the liberty of preparing a tape of  
songs which the team listened to  
before meets.

"I clear my mind and listen to  
the 'golf tape' and concentrate on  
playing well," sophomore **Peter  
Ringlee** said.

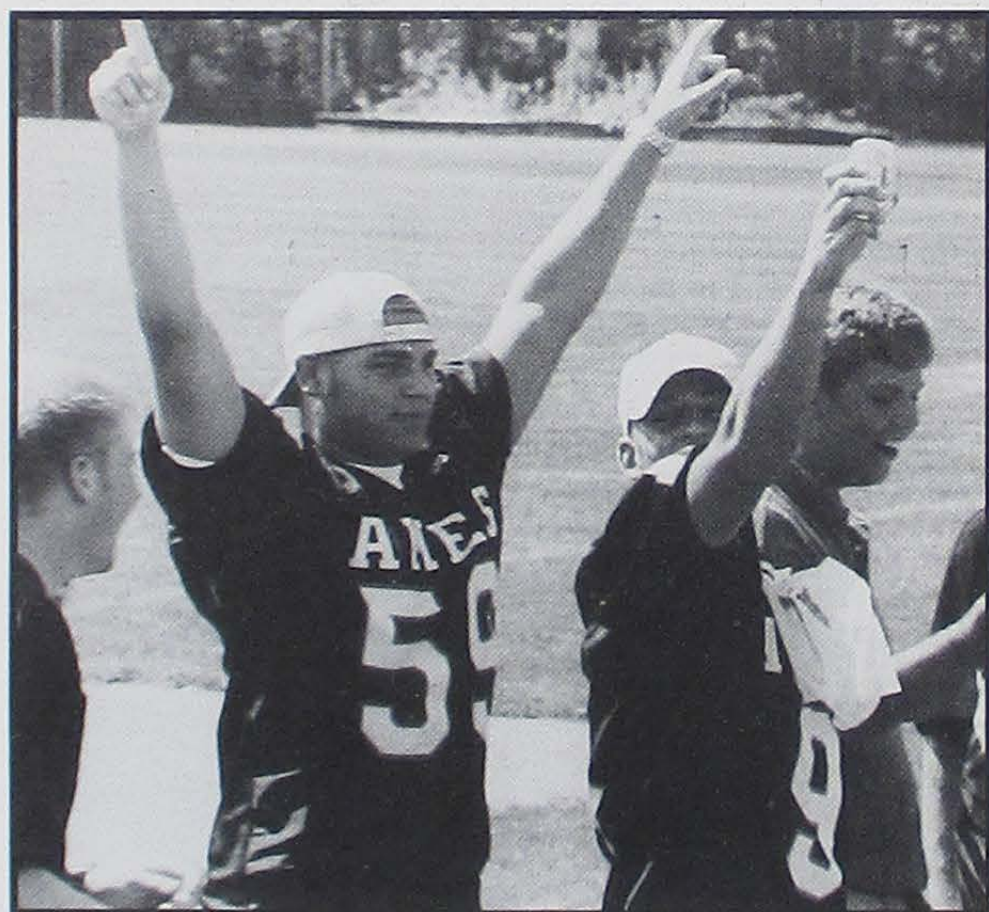
"We forget about the past and  
focus on what is happening now,"  
sophomore **Mitchell Ridnour**  
said.

New members on the team in-  
cluded freshman **Ryan Ward**  
and senior **Alex Gubbins**. Both

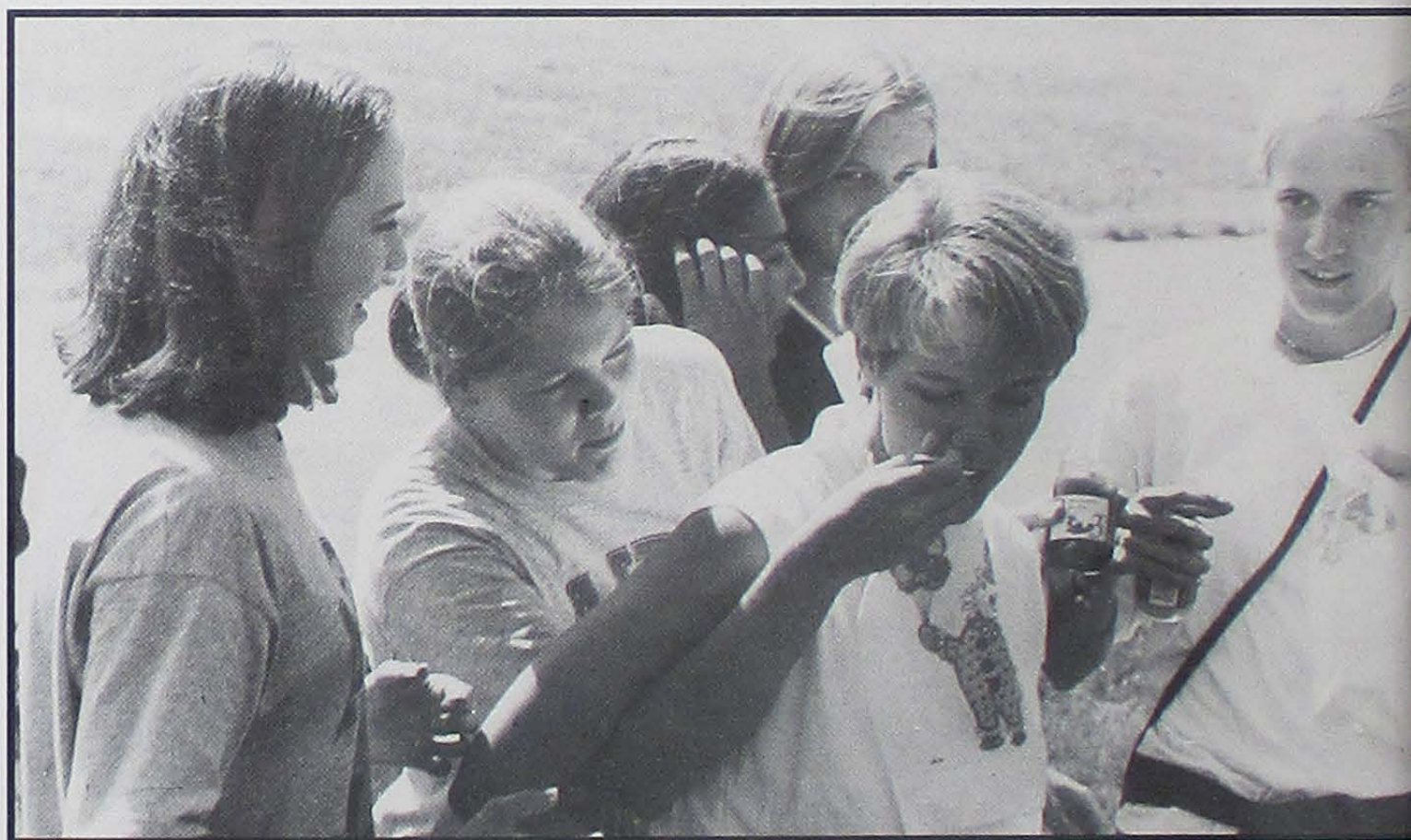
golfers enjoyed their first year on  
the team and hoped to have great  
seasons.

"Ames High's golf team had a  
positive team spirit and, com-  
pared to my old school back in  
Wisconsin, golf is taken more  
seriously here. Also it is not  
considered a minor sport,"  
Gubbins said.

The players took the sport se-  
riously and always tried their best,  
however, they had fun and en-  
joyed many laughs.



Seniors **Nick Rahfaldt** and **Justin Knapp**  
celebrate after Knapp devoured the jar of baby  
food in mere seconds to win the eating contest at  
the first pep assembly. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Varsity volleyball captains, seniors **Sarah  
Osmundson** and **Mary Jischke** race  
against time, as they stuff head coach **Sindy  
Friedrich** with baby food. Seniors **Lindsay  
Heiligenthal** and **Erin Maysent** cheer  
their team captains to victory in the contest.

The baby food eating contest took place  
during the pep assembly on Friday before the  
opening football season. The pep assembly  
before the game helped promote and encour-  
age the team and fans to a victory against  
Marshalltown. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Coach **Carl Pelzer** diagrams the next offensive strategy while the offense listens attentively to the coach's ideas before heading out to the field. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



# Charging Forward

by Nicole Olson

Ten minutes into the first game of the football season, Ames High began pulling off a 35-21 victory over Marshalltown. Ames effortlessly defeated the Bobcats in the National Conference season opener.

With two interceptions, great defense, and a good offense, the Cyclones humiliated the Bobcats.

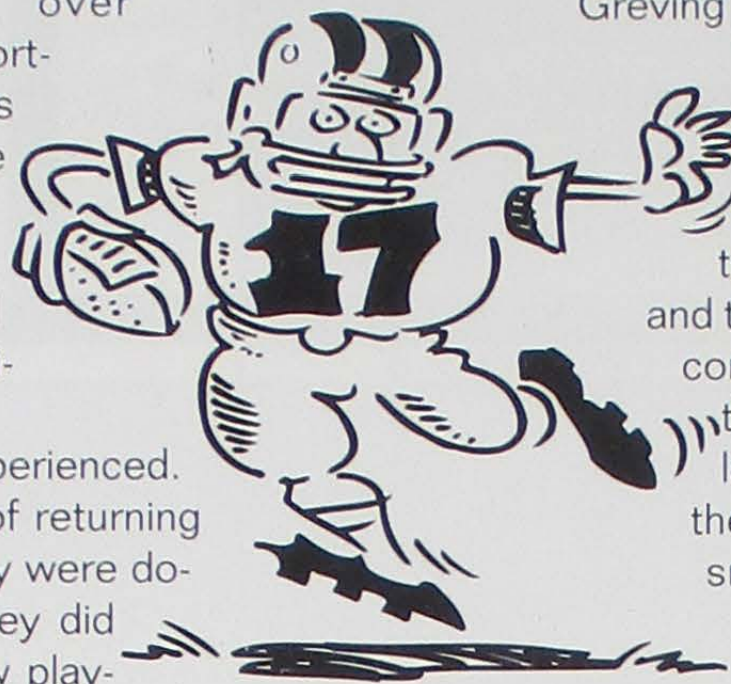
"Our team was well experienced. Defensively, we had a lot of returning players that knew what they were doing. As far as offense, they did well, despite the many new players' lack of experience," senior **Aaron Greving** said.

Ames' speed in the backfield led by Greving blew away Marshalltown's rushing defense gaining a total of 252 yds. on only 25 carries.

"My goal is to beat the career rushing

record, my senior year, of 1,900 yds. It is going to be hard but I have the confidence."

Greving said.



The first game revealed a need for some improvement. The defense needed to make more big plays and the offense could have concentrated on keeping the number of penalties low. However, both of these weaknesses were small and well adjusted with practice.

"It was really exciting starting the year with a victory because everyone worked really hard for it," senior **Troy Devens** said.

The Cyclone win just proved that when they wanted something bad enough, they could accomplish it with concentration and effort.



Seniors **Missy Ridnour**, **Krissy Quinn**, **Jaime Soma**, and **Tiffany Belz** celebrate a football victory.

Students found Friday night football games one of the most popular hang outs. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Seniors **Nathaniel Ginder** and **Tony Albaugh** lead the crowd in singing the Ames High fight song after winning the first home game. (photo by Ellen Haws)



Team tailgate members cheer on the varsity football team at the game. The group gathered before the games, to cookout and get ready for the game. Their shouts could be heard through out the stands. (photo by Mandi Hardy)





**Ames** -  
Labor Day,  
no school

**Ames** -  
JV football  
vs. Boone

**Ames** -  
Girls' swim-  
ming vs.  
Valley

**Ames** -  
Boys' golf vs.  
Ft. Dodge



**Cedar  
Rapids** -  
Boys' & Girls'  
cross country

**Mason  
City** -  
Boys' Golf

**W. Des  
Moines** -  
Varsity  
football

**Ames** -  
Volleyball,  
Metro Invite

**Ames** -  
Girls' swim-  
ming, Ames  
Invite

## SCANDAL IN THE WHITE HOUSE

by Amanda Hopper

In the early weeks of September, President Clinton became the first president in American history to testify before the grand jury in a case involving his alleged affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Special prosecutor Ken Starr led the investigation to which Clinton's initial response was, "I did not have improper relations with that woman." In a public announcement given after his testi-

mony, Clinton admitted he had had improper relations with Lewinsky.

"I think that people shouldn't be surprised that he was having an affair," senior **Katie Harker** said.

Despite a report published by Starr, detailing the affair, opinion polls remained in favor of keeping Clinton in office.

"He's a sleezebag! I don't think he should be in office," Media Center assistant **Carol Crawford** said.



Having to be in an assigned study hall was possibly one of the biggest irritants that sophomores and freshmen complained about. Freshman KellieJutting and friends passed the time by talking. Administrators chose to assign

study halls to 9th and 10th graders in order to crack down on students who routinely skipped study periods. Despite their intentions, reactions were not positive. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Erin Maysent** receives help from teammates after she fell from exhaustion after a race. The two mile run was hard on many of the girls. (photo by Stacey Chung)



# THE BATTLE FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS

by Parsa Fattahi

It was a scorcher on the gridiron. The state bragging rights were on the line for the 46th time. It was Iowa versus Iowa State. The Hawkeyes versus the Cyclones. Everyone predicted another Iowa victory. Everyone believed the 'Clones would suffer their 16th straight loss at the hands of the Hawks. Everyone was wrong.

The Cyclones defeated the heavily favored Hawks 27-9 before over 70,000 partisan Hawkeye fans at Iowa's Kinnick Stadium. After the romping, ISU students poured into campustown for an all night celebration. Fifteen years of frustration went out the window.

The victory came as a shock to most people. Some thought the Cyclones may have bent the rules a bit to get an edge.

"My God! How much did [Dan] McCarney pay the Hawks," senior **B.J. Carey** said.

ISU fans were overflowing with joy as the losing streak came to an euphoric end. The celebration was on.

"It was the triumph of the ages! For years to come, the fond cry of 'ISU WINS, ISU WINS' will echo in our memories," junior **Justin Cochren** said.

Iowa fans weren't quite as exuberant.

"I was upset that my Hawkeyes lost," sophomore **Amy Bappe** said.

Most people believed the victory was good for future clashes between the intrastate rivals. They thought the playing field had been leveled a bit.

"I think it will intensify the rivalry between the two schools and make the next competition more exciting," senior **Taylor Anderson** said.

Either way, it was nearly impossible to predict and will be even more impossible to forget.

Many students gathered at lunch to play games and have fun with friends. Below, students formed a circle to play Hacky Sac. This was a very popular game to many students during the lunch hour. (photo by Stacey Chung)



The Junior Varsity football team worked very hard and dedicated themselves to having a good season. Many people did not realize the effort that many Junior Varsity players put into the sport. (photo by Stacey Chung)

## Race for the Record

by Eknath Vittal

After the 1994 strike, the popularity of Major League Baseball plummeted. Attendance dropped drastically and America's pastime seemed to be no more.

In 1961 Roger Maris hit 61 homers to the dismay of many fans who wanted to see Babe Ruth's record of 60 stand. In 1998 it all changed because of one number, 61, and two players. Experts predicted that this year the record would be shattered.

The player with the best chance of breaking 61 was Mark McGwire. Throughout the season

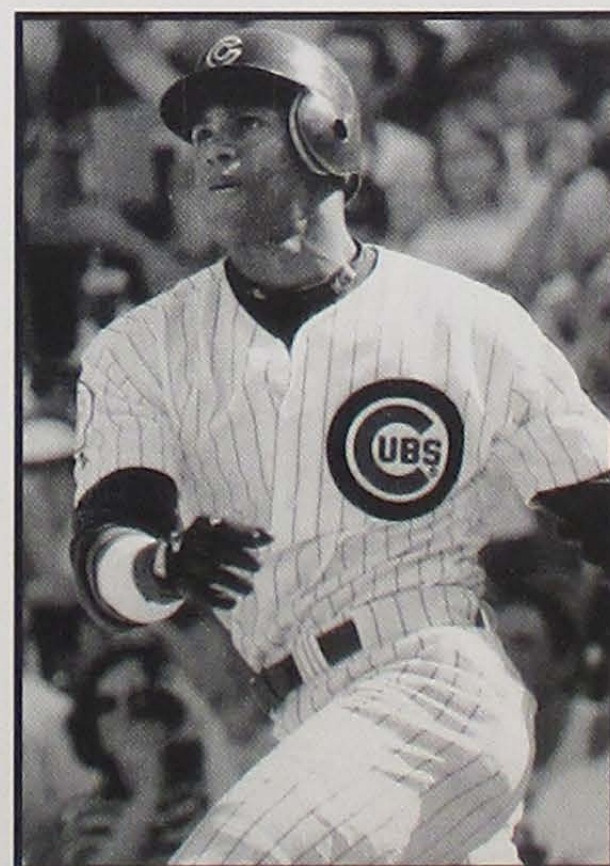
he was asked the question, "Will you hit 62?" Everytime his answer was, "Maybe, but I want the team to do well." The answer was the same until September 8, when number 62 sailed over the left-field wall and the greatest record in baseball history was broken. McGwire had done what no player had even come close to doing in 37 years. The record stood no more.

McGwire was not the only player to give chase to 62. A player who most experts had counted out at the beginning of

the season was at McGwire's heels throughout the season. Slammin' Sammy Sosa. Sammy and the Cubs had a magical season.

The Cubs were in playoff contention for the first time in nine years with their own homerun hitter, Sosa, leading the way. With an astonishing 20 homers in June, Sosa closed the gap between himself and "Big Mac". On September 20, Sosa hit his 62nd. The record had fallen again and baseball's popularity had returned once more.

Sammy Sosa eyes the ball as it soars past the Ivy at Wrigley Field. He ended the regular season with 66 homeruns.





# September 13-19

**Nation -**  
Grandpar-  
ents' Day

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**Ames -**  
JV football  
vs. Valley

**Urbandale**  
Boys' golf

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**Ames -**  
Open House

**Ames -**  
Boys' golf vs.  
Johnston

**Worldwide**  
International  
Day of Peace

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**Nation -**  
Citizenship  
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**Nation -**  
Constitution  
Week (17-23)

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**Ames -**  
Football vs.  
Sioux City  
East

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**Ames - ISU**  
Band Day

**Gilbert -**  
JV volleyball,  
Gilbert Invite

**Marshalltown**  
Girls' swim-  
ming

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## Going the Distance...

by Nicole Olson

A history of less than great results in previous seasons meant lower expectations for the boys' cross country team at the beginning of the season. However, the talent level was high and the boys proved themselves better than those in years past.

"I personally didn't think we'd be as good as we are right now," junior **Tim Hibbing** said.

In early September they were ranked 4th in the state. The boys won a meet in which they earned first place out of twenty-two teams.

"We should have a pretty good shot at winning state. I personally hope to place in the top fifteen at state," senior **Luke Guthrie** said.

Coach **John Sletten** had high hopes for the runners as well. Sletten was more anxious than ever to win a state title, because his coaching career was coming to a close.

"It's been a long time since we won a big meet," Sletten said.

Many accomplishments were met during the season for the boys' cross country team, yet they only kept striving for a faster pace.

Seniors **Cameron Staff** and **Ben Janke** help each other stay motivated by setting each other's pace during the last mile. They participated in the JV heat during an Ames Invite at the ISU Cross Country Field. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Teachers in the English department discuss topics which need to be covered at Open House. The event was an opportunity for parents and teachers to get acquainted with one another. Many teachers relayed expectations and their classroom rules and guidelines. (photo by Amy Chung)



Members of the band prepare for Band Day, at ISU, by banging their drums during a game against Sioux City East. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



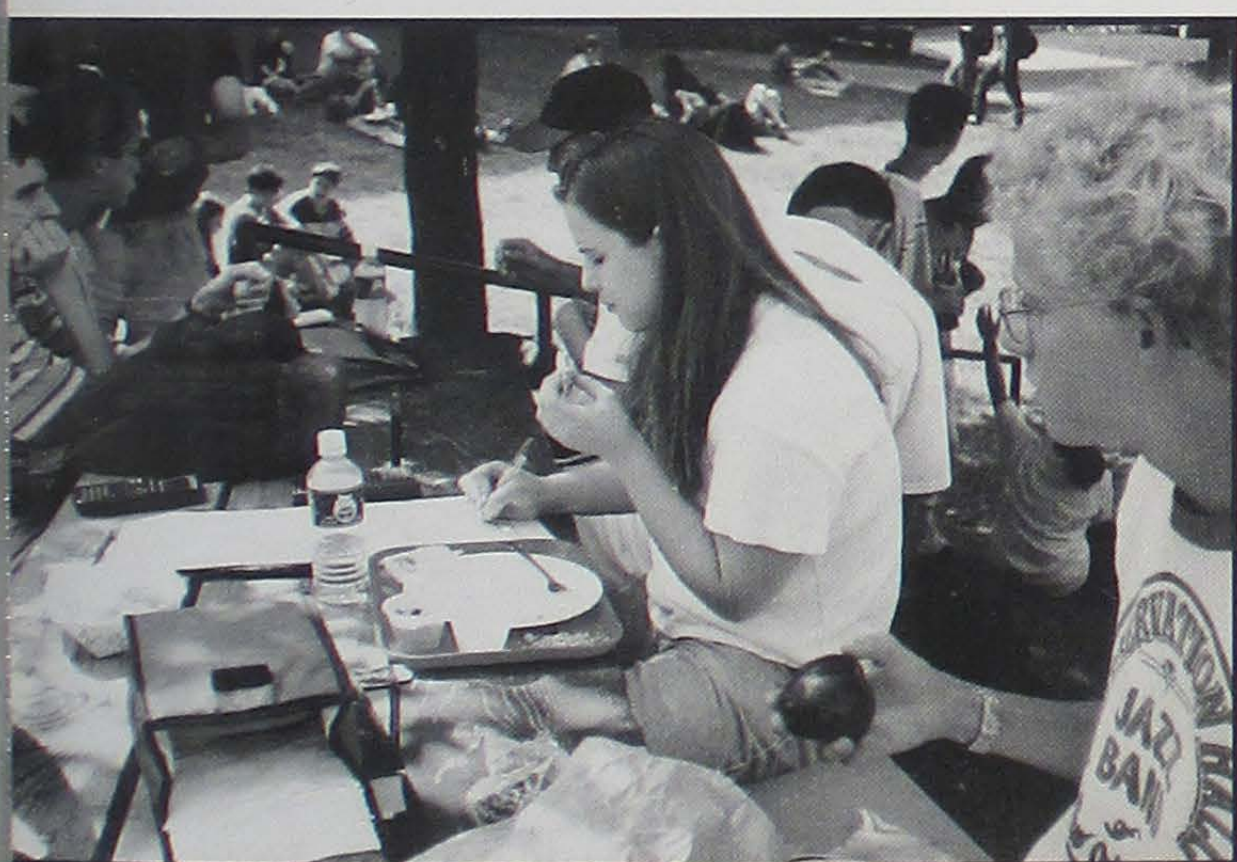
JV volleyball player junior **Kirsten Brown** spikes a ball home as Marshalltown players attempt to block it. Her teammates look on in anticipation of the return. High flying action such as this was a part of every game. (photo courtesy of Taylor Chung)



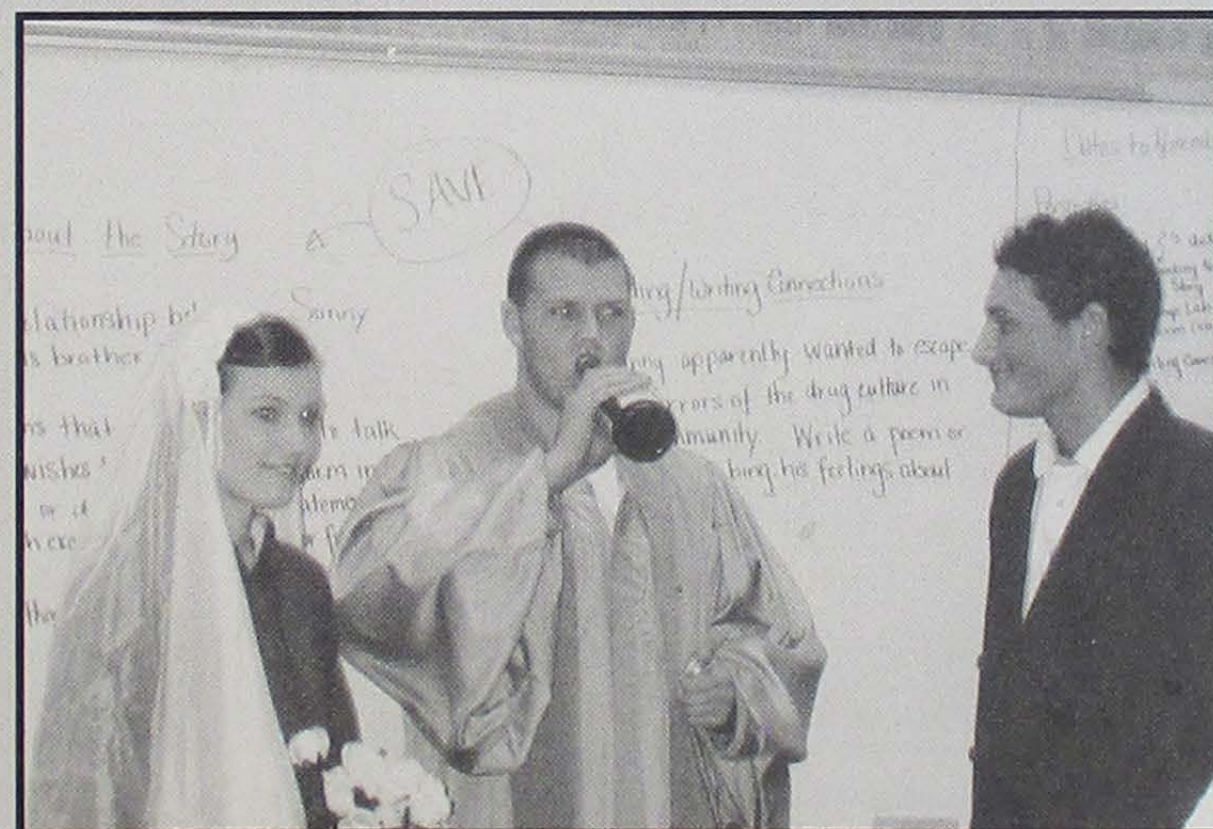
Junior **Kevin Schainker**, senior **Randy Pyle** and senior **Erik Distler** swarm on the ball carrier during their game against Souix City East. The defense has played a major role in all of the Little Cyclone victories. Once again, Ames played hard and well, coming away with the victory (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Here comes the bride...Senior **Mandy Noll** strides down the aisle with her "dad", senior **Aaron Weiss**, as he tried to convince her not to take the plunge with senior **Erik Distler**. (Photo by Stacey Chung)



Students take advantage of the unusually warm weather in September and eat lunch and do their homework outside in the courtyard. As fall and cooler temperatures rolled around students spent as much time outside as they could. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Do you take this man.... Senior **Seth Shepard** takes a break from his duty as priest as senior **Emily Richey** begins to question what is happening. The groom senior **Ben Grotewold**, doesn't have a problem with it. The students were role playing for their English classes. (photo by Stacey Chung)



# September 20-26

**Worldwide**  
Clean Up the  
World Day

**Webster  
City -**  
Volleyball,  
Webster City  
Invite

**Ames -**  
Boys' golf,  
Ames Invite

**Ft. Dodge -**  
Girls' swim-  
ming

**Ft. Dodge -**  
Volleyball

**Ames -**  
Boys' golf vs.  
Newton

**Ames -**  
Homecoming  
parade

**Indianola -**  
Boys' & Girls'  
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Invite

**Ames -**  
Homecoming  
bonfire

**Ames -**  
Football vs.  
Ft. Dodge  
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**Ames -**  
Homecoming  
dance

The 1998 Homecoming parade went down as one of the most successful in Ames High history. The crowd turnout was big, and the pep rally following had one of the largest crowds ever.

"The parade was a real a success this year. It took a lot of prior planning, but that all paid off in the end," senior and co-chair of the parade committee **Shannon Floyd** said. "It had over forty- five entries and was a great way to unite the community, and spark the homecoming

spirit."

"I felt the parade went really, really well," senior and co-chair **Jeff Kinley** said. Directly after the parade there was a pep assembly held at Band Shell Park.

The excitement and intensity of the pep assembly truly showed the spirit of these young ladies. Seniors **Angie Salvo, Lori Olson** and juniors **Jill Larson** and **Meagan Harms** cheered loudly during Mrs. Campbell's inspirational speech. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Sophomores girls broke it down at the pep assembly after the parade. "The pep assembly ruled! I had tons of fun dancing with my friends," sophomore **Megan Morrow** said. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

Teachers **Joel** and **Aileen Sullivan** take a moment to be photographed in their jammies on Wednesday, PJ day. During Homecoming week, students were encouraged to dress up in different outfits for each day of the week. "It's a great way to wear the clothes your grandma gave you for your birthday," sophomore **Sarah White** said. Dress up days were also a way for students to show their school spirit. Monday was Desert Safari Day, Tuesday was 'Wild OnThe Nile' Day, Wednesday was Pajama Day - which even teachers participated in. "I would fight my wife for my moose slippers," history teacher **Joel Sullivan** said. Thursday was Homecoming T-Shirt Day, and Friday was Spirit Day. (photo courtesy of the Sullivans)





# On Your Marks, Get Set, Go!

by Erin Martin

Tug-of-war, mummy relays, and body spell were just some of the exciting activities at this year's kickoff assembly. The class olympics were all just fun and games. The seniors beat out the sophomores and freshmen, and the juniors were disqualified in two events.

Freshmen did terrible in all of the events, but that's okay because they'll get the hang of it. The sophomores did a fantastic job in the olympics. They hung with the seniors in the tug of war and would have beat the juniors, had they not been disqualified. But the tug of war wasn't the only event the juniors got disqualified in. They were also disqualified in the mummy relay. "I thought the assembly was put together really well," junior **Tim Hibbing** said. "The juniors got jipped in the tug of war, but it was all a good time."

The seniors dominated the olympics, as they do every year. Their overwhelming size and strength helped them in the tug of war. Their experience in body spell assisted them in conquering the event, and their speed and agility helped them defeat the underclassmen in the mummy relay.

The homecoming candidates were also announced at the assembly. The king candidates were **Jeff Kinley, Luke Healy, John O'Connell, Brad Lawler, Justin Knapp,** and **Erik Distler.** The queen candidates were **Claire Gilchrist, Lindsay Heiligenthal, Katherine Acker, Emily Duffelmeyer, Sarah Bappe,** and **Shannon Floyd.**

Overall the kickoff filled the gym with plenty of laughter from all the hilarious moments, that will be remembered for years to come.



(photos by Stacey Chung)



Freshmen scramble to find the right spot for their next letter in Bodyspell. Tradition held strong with the freshmen being the least literate...well at least in this spelling test. It was the responsibility of each student participating to find a place on the gym floor to help form letters and spell out words such as camel, snake and river which were related to the Homecoming theme. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Seniors **Katherine Acker** and **Chris Benson**, homecoming co-chairs, pump the crowd up for the coming week's activities. "I was very busy. It was

enjoyable to see my friends and help to put together these events," Acker said. Many students appreciated the girls' dedication and efforts. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Coach **Dale Tramp** got his 200th victory in a game against Fort Dodge. "I never thought of it as just wins and losses. Winning was nice, but what came out of winning was the most memorable. The players and the

relationships that I got something out of, that was more worthwhile than the actual win. My 200th win was just like any other game that season." Tramp said. (photo by Lydia VanHorn)



## BLAZE OF GLORY

By Parsa Fattahi

The glow could be seen from a mile away. Students poured into the gym Thursday night, full of spirit. The cheerleaders, speakers and band members opened up the bonfire ceremony.

"The march from the gym to the bonfire really got you going," junior **Michael Freiberg** said, "It was a fun experience, even with the new location."

The bonfire was held in the teachers' parking lot, due to the construction of the tennis courts over the old softball diamonds where it used to be held, year after year. The students didn't seem to mind, as they mingled and cheered while the fall sports representatives fired them up for the homecoming game against Fort Dodge the following night.

"It was really fun. We liked seeing everyone there with so much spirit," juniors **Lynse Schmidt** and **Lindsay Kiliper** said.

Most people agreed, staying the entire time and socializing with their friends while the fire blazed in the backdrop.

Some students left early, however, for various reasons.

"The bonfire was cool, for the five minutes I was there," senior **Devin Wetzel** said.

He was one of several football players instructed to go home early and get a good night's rest for Friday night's game.

Others had more mischievous plans. Despite constant police intervention, many students painted the town white with toilet paper.

"I had to strengthen my TP throwing ability," sophomore **Matt Murphy** said.

After all the smoke cleared and the toilet paper settled, the students went home to get at least a few hours of sleep. The 1998 bonfire was a burning success.

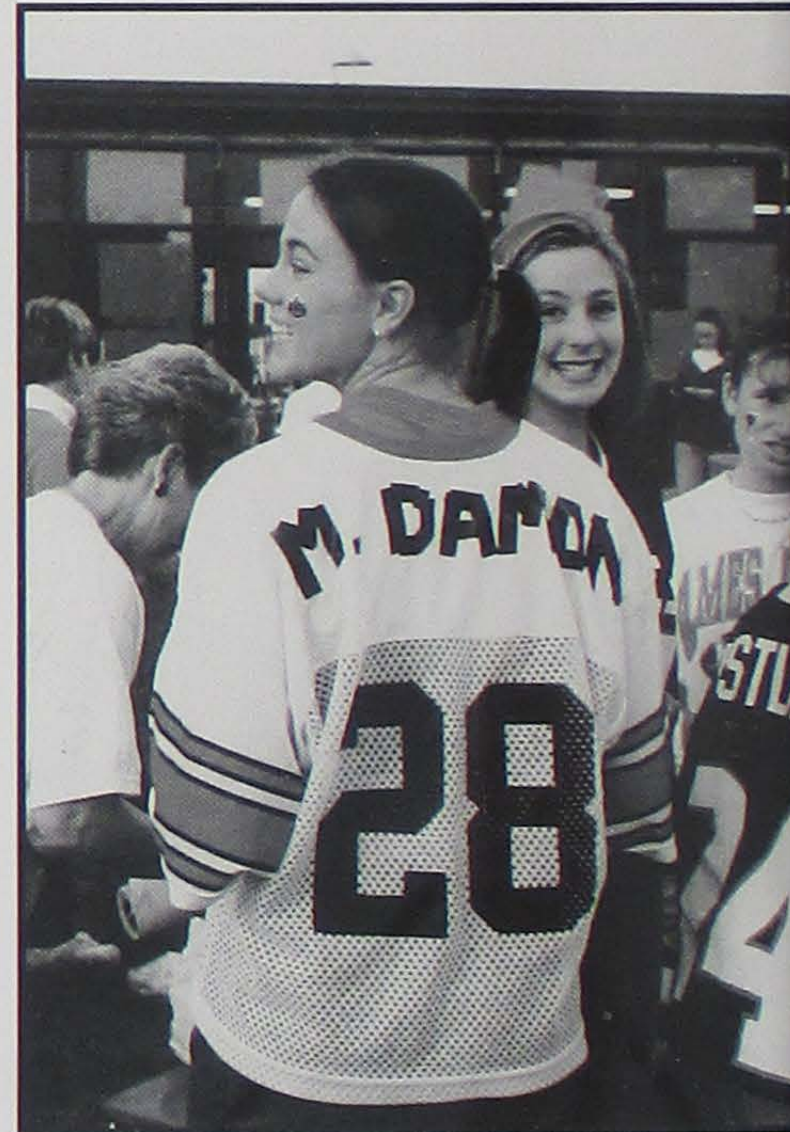
Seniors **Beth Maroney** and **Julia McFarland** embrace the moments of the homecoming bonfire. "It was strange standing there and realizing I will never be an Ames High cheerleader again and I will never again attend this event as an Ames High student. It was a little overwhelming," McFarland said (photo by Mandi Hardy)



"You made us all feel like royalty," senior **Emily Duffelmeyer** said upon being crowned Homecoming Queen. Being woken up at 4 a.m. to see twenty smiling faces telling her she would be on the homecoming court became her best homecoming memory. "I must be a pretty boring queen because the wildest thing I did all week was buy 'sea silver' pantyhose to wear for the coronation assembly." Emily loves to cook and hopes to memorize 100 recipes by the time she is eighty. "So far I'm at three."

In ten years, King **Luke Healy** sees himself as "a fugitive from justice being

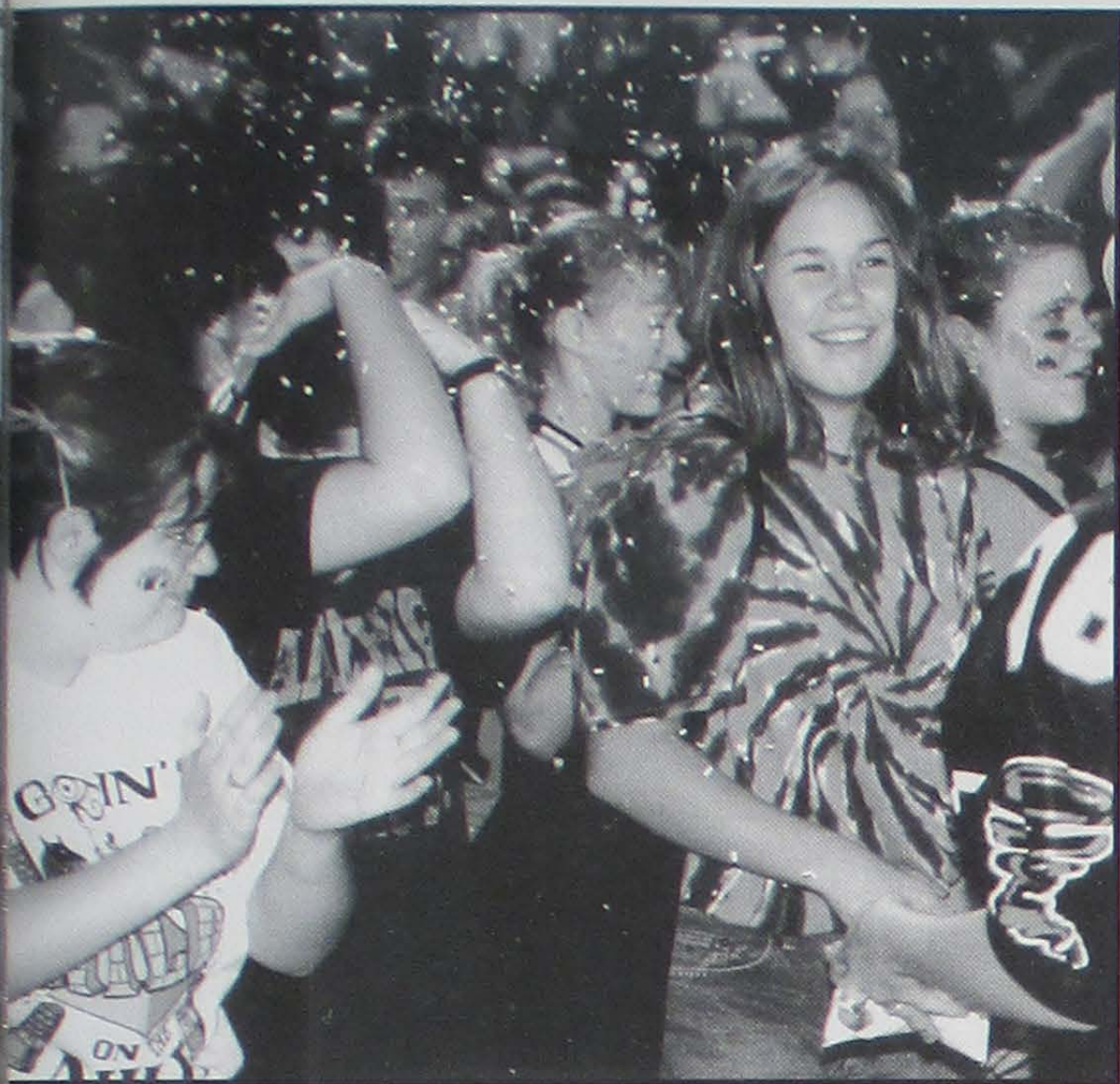
chased by Tommy Lee Jones." Luke likes to think he was chosen as king because of his amazing ability to do enough "stupid and crazy things to get noticed." He also gives credit to his hair, which he believed was "sticking up the highest on the wake-up video." Arriving late to the parade, Luke got wild, having to jump onto the car where candidate **Claire Gilchrist's** teddy bear escort had taken his place. However, Luke feels that kicking the bear out may have disappointed Claire. "The teddy bear probably made better conversation than I would have." (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Molly McNertney** makes her dream of dating Matt Damon come true by allowing him to be an honorary member of the varsity football team. No wonder she was smiling! (photo by Mandi Hardy)



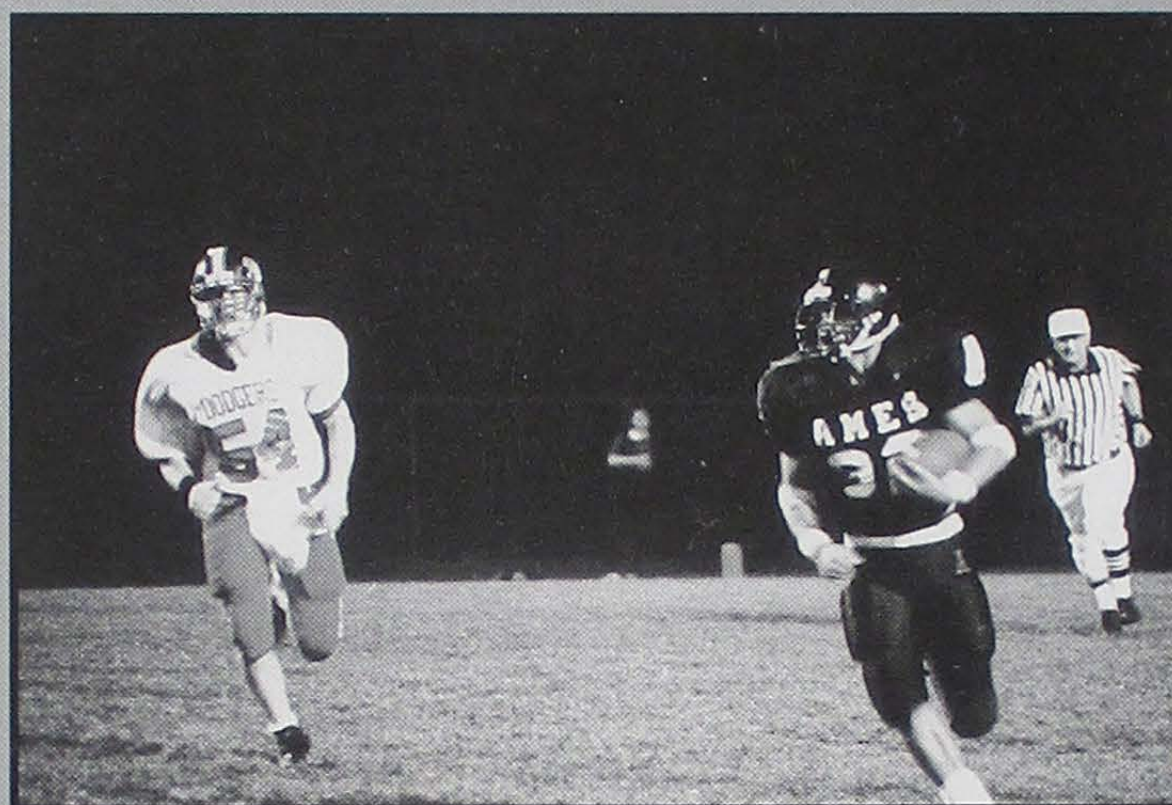
Is it raining? A group of students celebrate the homecoming win in a shower of confetti. School spirit seemed to come alive at homecoming as students felt like they were really a part of something special (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Dawn Kepley** and sophomore **Emily Smith** get their groove on at the homecoming dance. Although the gym proved to be the hot spot, literally, most students enjoyed the time with friends and made the most of the sweaty event. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

## CRUISING TO VICTORY

by Eknath Vittal



The homecoming game was a successful way to end a successful week. The team came into the game excited and full of enthusiasm from the week's festivities. They played a good game and prevailed as the victors, with a 34-7 win.

"We took the field in good shape mentally, and we had to play well. It was hard to keep focused against a weaker opponent," Coach **Kirk Daddow** said "But it was homecoming and it was a win."

Ames High dominated the game from the start and only allowed one touchdown. Fort Dodge's only score came in the fourth quarter, while Ames spread their scoring over three quarters. Fort Dodge defeated Ames in the air, but couldn't stop Ames' running game. Ames ran for 283 yards and 163 of those

yards were attributed to senior **Aaron Greving**.

The team's confidence was a big factor coming into the game. "It was a great homecoming week and we had a great crowd at the game. The team was excited and we won the game," senior **Nate Ginder** said.

"I felt a little nervous playing in my first homecoming game. But once the game started I felt the crowd was really behind us and we came out strong and played well," sophomore **Ben Cronin** said.

The victory was a great way to end a great homecoming week. The crowd was behind the team from the opening to the last whistle of the game. The team played great from start to finish and won the game. (photos by Mandi Hardy)



# Sept. 27 - Oct. 3

## Nation -

National Good Neighbor Day

S

## Ft. Dodge -

JV football

M

## Ames -

Girls' swimming vs. Mason City

## Urbandale

Girls' cross country

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## Ames -

Boys' cross country vs. Ankeny

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## Mason City -

Football

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## Urbandale

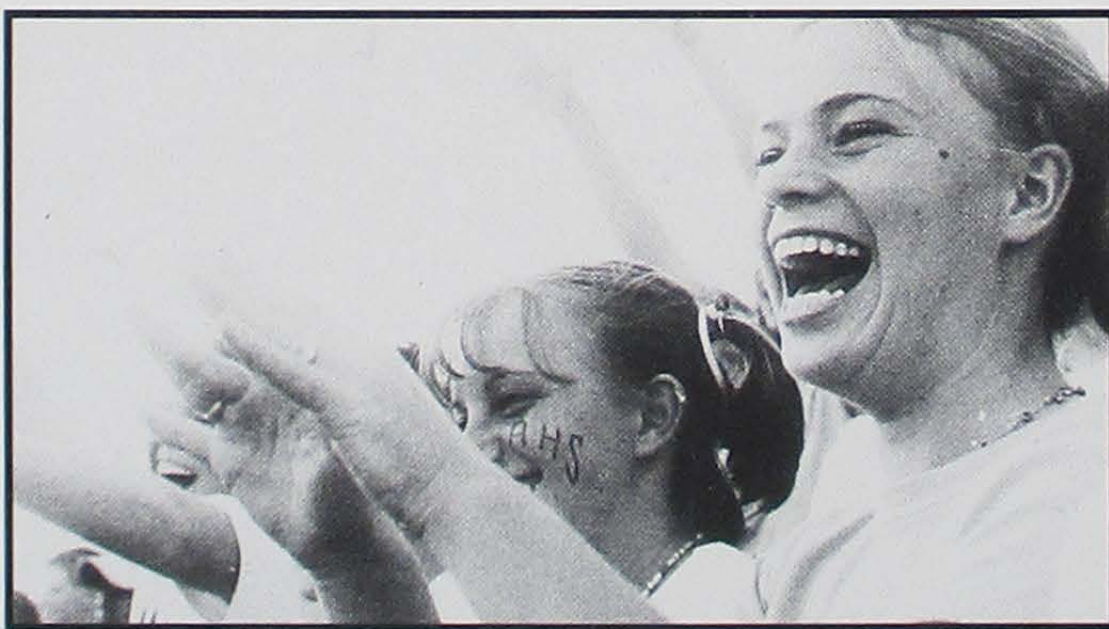
Volleyball, Urbandale Tournament

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Covered in chocolate syrup, whip cream and cherries, sophomore **Erin Belcher** is a good sport about the swim team initiation "It was actually a lot of fun you should try being a human sundae someday!" Belcher said. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Initiations are worshipped by seniors, looked down on by faculty, and dreaded by freshman. This year the swim team stunned the first timers by makin them into human sundaes using every ice cream topping they could think of. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Junior **Katie Kearney** and friends exercised their vocal chords during the first game. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Seniors **Hannah Keeling** and **Lori Olson** attempt to speed ahead of junior **Jill Larson** and senior **Nick Myers** during a blustery Blue Sky Ride. "We got to help less fortunate kids, who aren't as lucky as we are," freshman **Jessica Pfeiffer** said. Even though the weather wasn't the

greatest, it was still a fun and exciting day for everyone who dared to ride. "The weather was terrible," Pfeiffer said. "It was really cold and wet and you couldn't see, but I had plenty of layers of clothes on so once I got riding it was okay." (photo by Mandi Hardy)



# Cheering the Orange and the Black...

by Sarah Rathert

We got spirit yes we do, we've got spirit how about you?

School spirit was a question of who had it and who didn't. Who were the real fans, and who were the followers?

"I personally think the school promotes school spirit," senior **Patricia Steffes** said. "But the students didn't always take part in it."

The fans and team-tailgaters were pumped up to start off the year. Hanging out and having fun fired up the team tailgate members before the football games. While eating and making food, they started a new tradition.

"School spirit has definitely increased because of team tailgate," junior **Steve Bauer** said. "Plus we have no standards so a lot of people joined."

Up in the stands at the football games, the crowd was squished together, cheering on their team. Everyone has different opinions on what

went on up there.

"The school seems more unified," sophomore **Brandon Cornelius** said. "But freshmen should be booted back to the middle school."

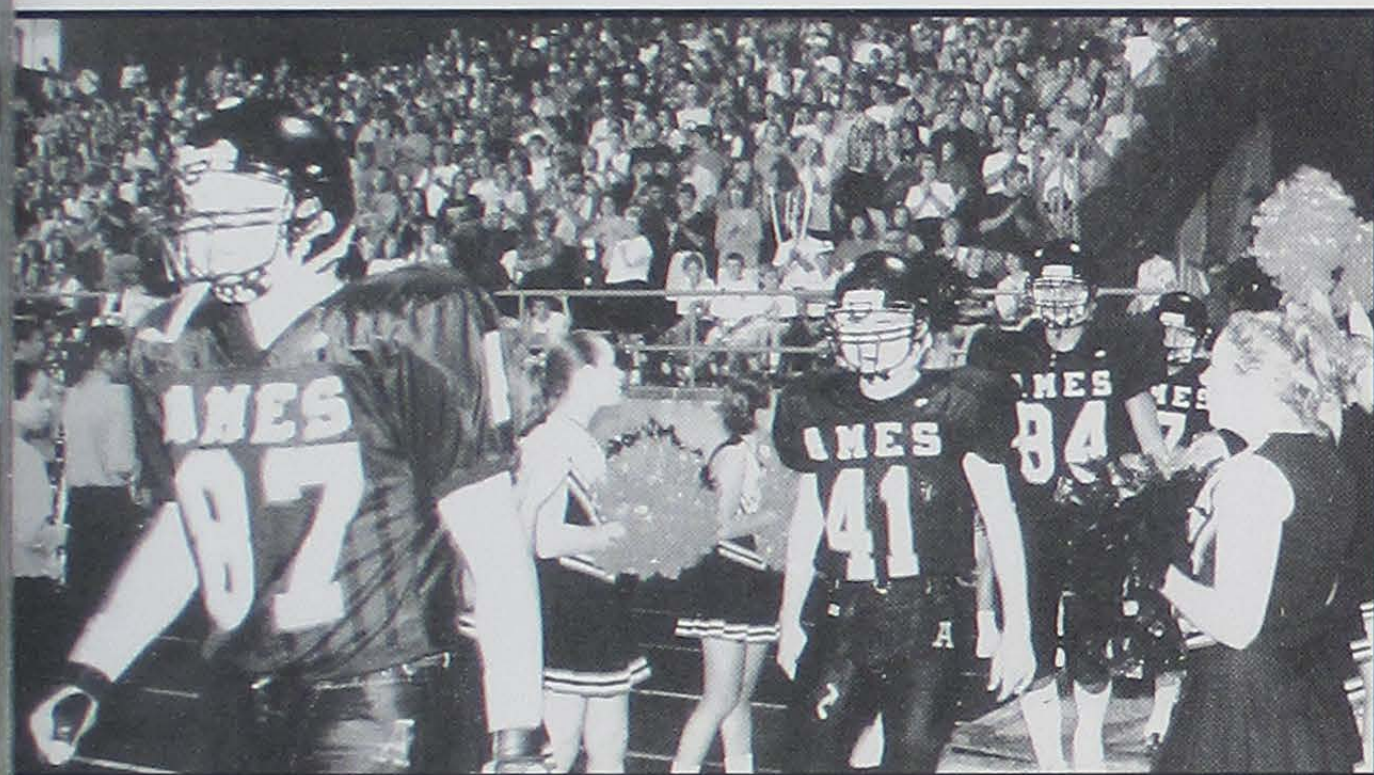
As for the cheerleaders, they were having a blast at most of the games.

"Our job is to get the crowd excited for a game," senior **Jenny Veale** said. "We do the best we can to keep the crowd in high spirit, but if we mess up, we just keep trying."

"The school spirit is increasing with each game," junior **Lane Pyle** said. "With every victory we have, we just get even more pumped for the next one."

All in all, there were different opinions of the unification at our school. So, the question still remains: We got spirit yes we do, we got spirit how 'bout you?

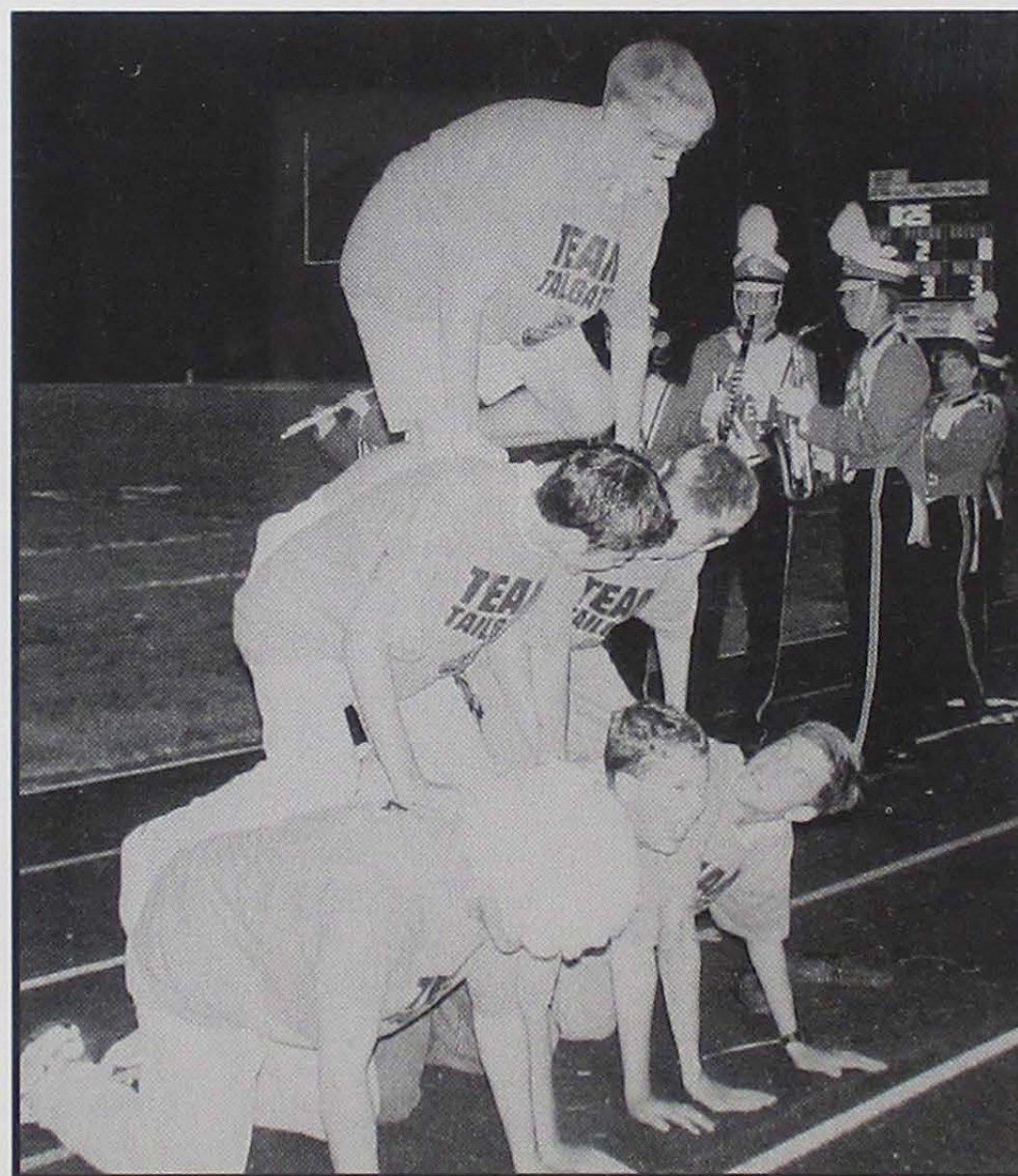
Junior **Oun Platt** and senior **Julia McFarland** "shake it to the floor" at this triumphed game. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



The football players proudly march out of the locker room and onto the field to win the Homecoming game. They tore apart the Fort Dodge Dodgers. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Reserved for seniors: It has been a long standing tradition that seniors cheer from the first rows of the stands, and **Julie Van Slyke**, **Erin Maysent** and **Sarah Bappe** make sure the tradition endures. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Juniors **Mert Akinc**, **Justice Hallam**, **Mike O'Connell**, **Phil Christianson**, and **Stephen Goldman**, build a pyramid while **Tim Hibbing** leaps to the top. This is part of how team tailgate would show their excitement after a touchdown. (photo by Brian Tenney)



# October 4-10

**Nation -**  
Fire Preven-  
tion Week

**Nation -**  
National 4-H  
Week

**Ames -**  
JV Football  
vs. Mason  
City

**Urbandale -**  
Girls' swim-  
ming

**Urbandale -**  
Volleyball

**Davenport -**  
Boys' golf,  
districts

**Ames -**  
9th/11th ITED  
testing

**Ames -**  
10th, Job  
shadowing

**Ames -**  
College Fair

**Ankeny -**  
Girls' cross  
country

**Urbandale -**  
Football

**Cedar  
Rapids -**  
Boys' golf at  
state meet

**Urbandale -**  
Girls' swim-  
ming

**Cedar  
Rapids -**  
Boys' golf at  
state meet

## *Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are*

by Andrew Brodie

National Coming Out Week was Oct. 5-10 and Spectrum was ready, decking out the front lobby with their traditional displays of rainbow colors.

Throughout the week, Spectrum sponsored various activities to promote the week and raise awareness of their club, a gay/lesbian/bi-sexual/straight alliance.

Spectrum members hung signs and multi-colored streamers throughout the school. Unfortunately, some students didn't appreciate the hard work put into the decorations, demonstrated ignorance and closed-mindedness and tore down posters and streamers.

"Some of the decorations were down by the afternoon of the first day of the week," junior **Gina Russell** said. Russell helped get Spectrum off its feet in the infant stages and was actively involved in promoting the club's message. "The rest of the decorations were down by the close of the week. We were disappointed anything was destroyed, but we weren't surprised. Unfortunately, some students always show their disrespect when we do any-

thing in the school to promote Spectrum."

The club was started in the high school to serve as an alliance of all students, regardless of sexual orientation. It's purpose is not to



Spectrum member and senior **Adam Forney** poses with some weaving he did to help decorate during National Coming Out Week. The piece was displayed on railing in the school's art wing. Contributions like Forney's helped make the school colorful for the week-long celebration. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

promote one person's lifestyle over someone else's, but to bring together everyone in acceptance and understanding.

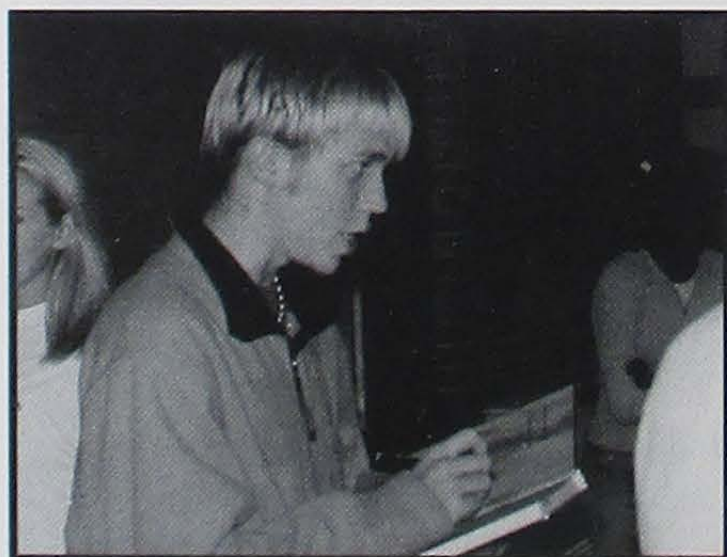
"A lot of people who are ignorant about Spectrum's purpose act negatively towards us and our efforts," Russell said. "They don't understand our mission and do nothing but demonstrate behavior that is destructive and cruel."

Outside of the decorations, Spectrum members sold Skittles and rainbow ribbons to raise money for the club. They also organized speakers who came throughout one day for any interested students.

Despite the problems, the week went over fairly well and members were happy with the outcome.

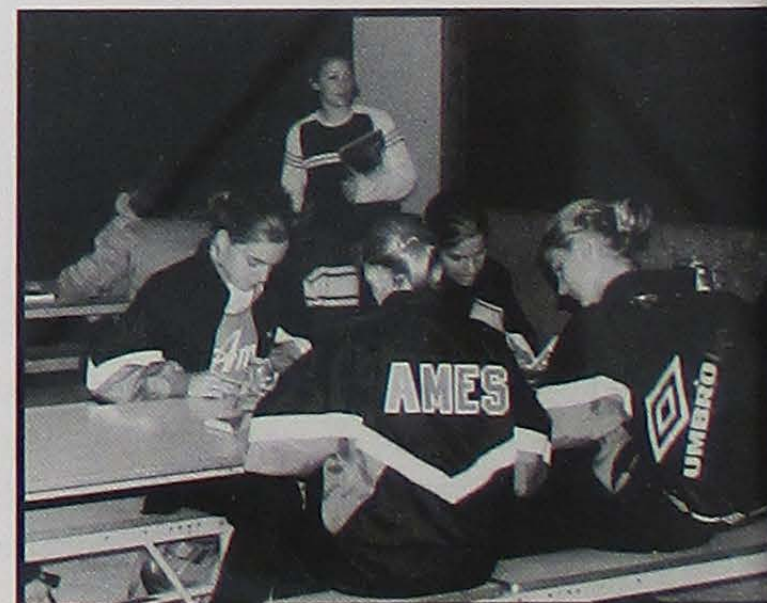
"We were fairly satisfied with the whole week," Russell said. "However, we would like to see a continued increase in acceptance in future years."

The hard work and determination displayed by Spectrum during the week helped spread their message to more people who previously had not understood the group's goals and purpose. This will no doubt help lead to continued acceptance.



Junior **Ryan Gleason** fills a friend's request for a signature in her yearbook. Many students found signing to be a way of giving their books a more personal touch. (photo by Brain Tenney)

Seniors **Claire Gilchrist, Mary Russell, Emily Duffelmeyer** and **Lindsay Heiligenthal** gather around to browse and sign yearbooks. The girls' cross country team returned late from a meet, and were some of the last people to pick-up and sign books. (photo by Brain Tenney)



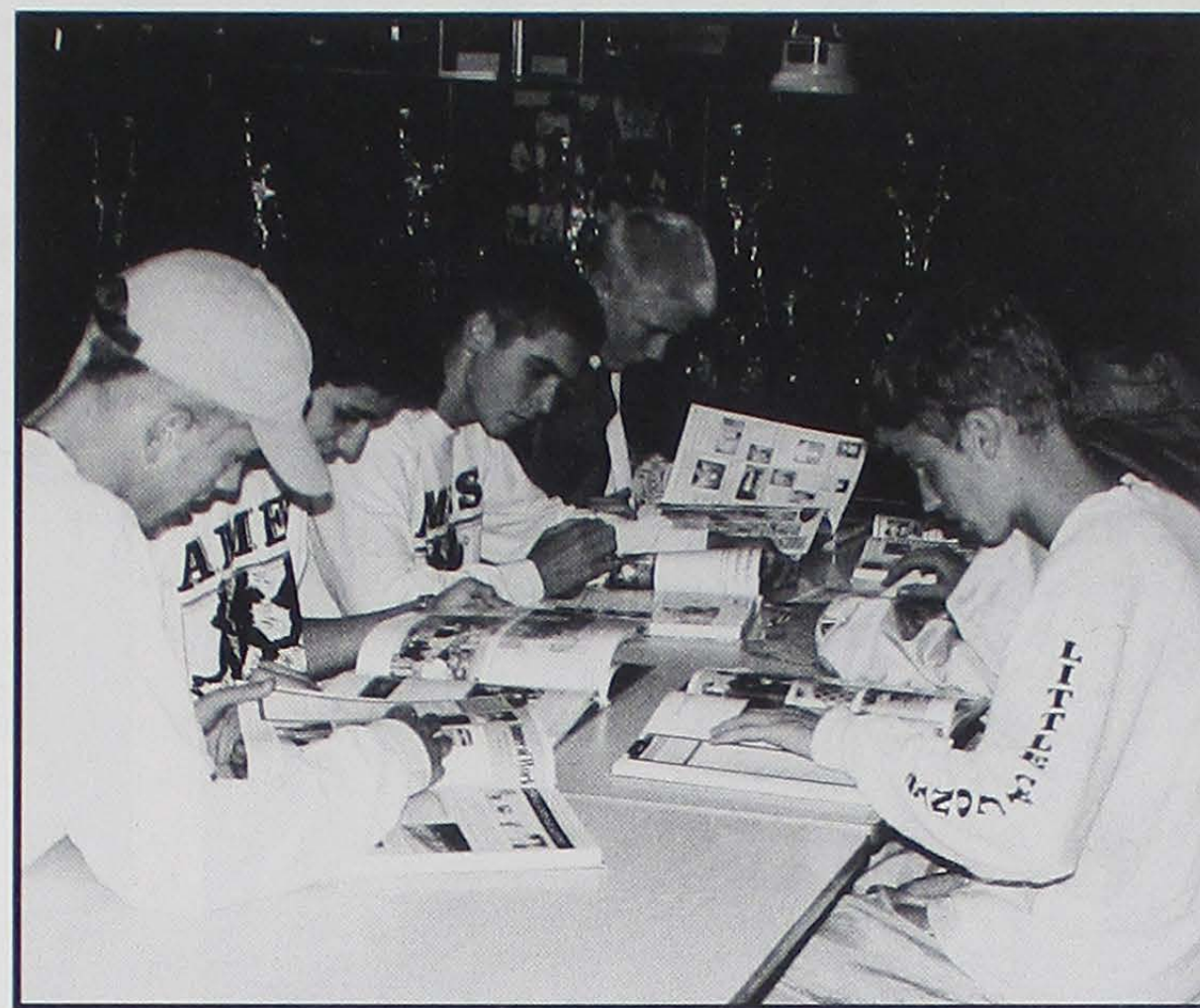


Representatives pitch their respective schools to prospective students at the College Fair, held in the school gymnasium. The fair took place during the afternoon of the same day that senior students were able to choose from several

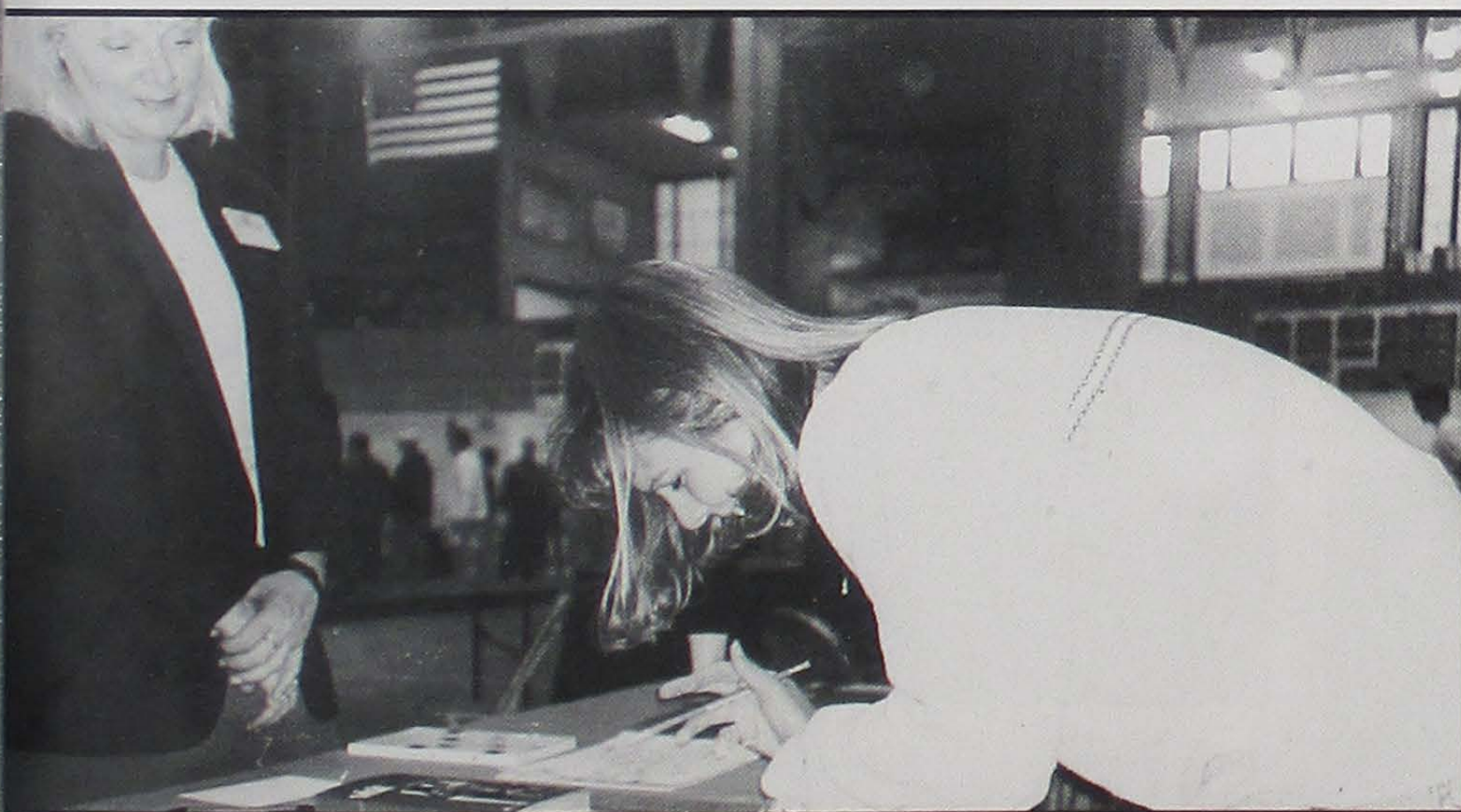
options concerning their post high school careers. Those options included an organized tour of Iowa State University, attending workshops, or visiting a college campus of their choice independently. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Junior **Kari Laferriere** thinks over her answers on the ITEDs. Each year juniors and freshmen took the test in mid October. (photo by Lindsay VanFleet)

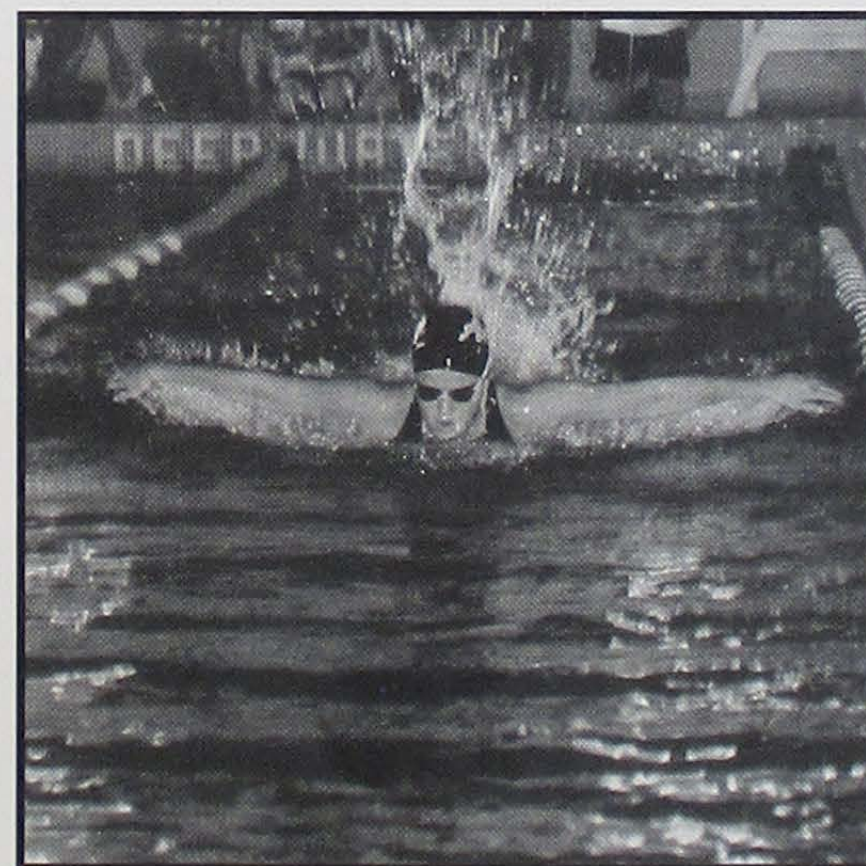


A new tradition was started this year with the yearbooks. Instead of just handing yearbooks out before and after school, a party was held in the north balcony where everyone could exchange signatures and socialize. "The party was better than paper football in the Jr./Sr. Room. Plus, it had a DJ," junior **Mike O'Connell** said. The yearbook party was a great way to see your friends and reunite with the old ones. You never know, some of those signatures might be famous someday. (photo by Brian Tenney)



Senior **Amber Ling** takes a few pointers from a helpful representative at the college fair. "It was a good idea, but the schools were too small," senior **Angie Salvo** said. All stu-

dents did not have the same opinion. "It was a good way to get students in the mood of looking for colleges," senior **Brigham Van Auken** said. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Senior **Katherine Acker** beautifully displays the butterfly during the 200 yard individual medley. The stroke is commonly considered one of the harder to perform, but Acker pulled it off with ease. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



# October 11-17

**Nation -**  
National  
Children's  
Day

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**Ames -**  
JV Football  
vs. Urbandale

M

**Johnston -**  
Volleyball

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W

**Ft. Dodge -**  
Boy's & Girl's  
cross country,  
Conf. Meet

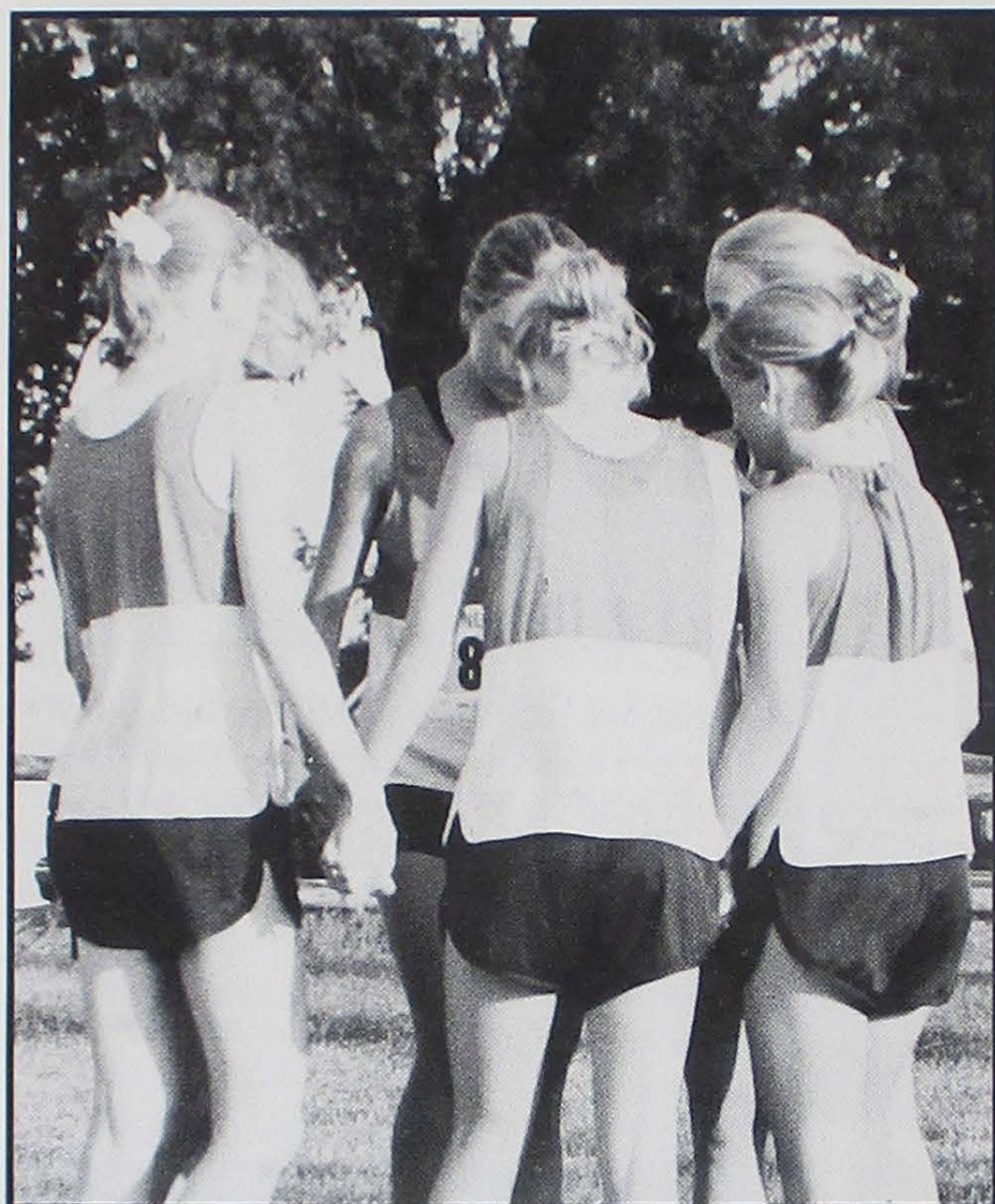
**Ames -**  
Hall of Fame  
Banquet

**Ames -**  
Pep Assembly

**Ames -**  
Football vs.  
Johnston

**Indianola -**  
10th Volley-  
ball at  
Indianola Invite

**Knoxville -**  
Volleyball at  
Knoxville  
Tournament

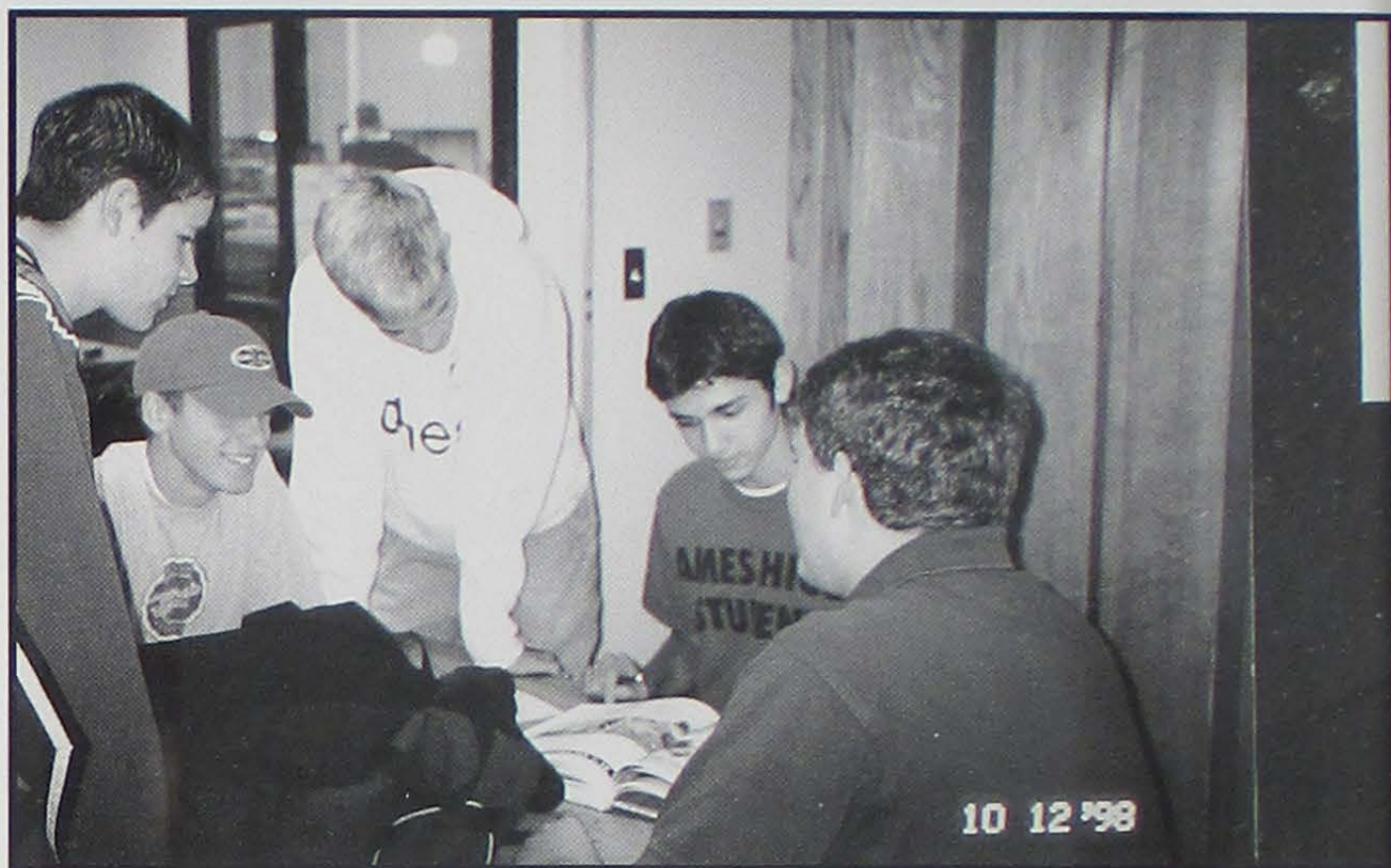
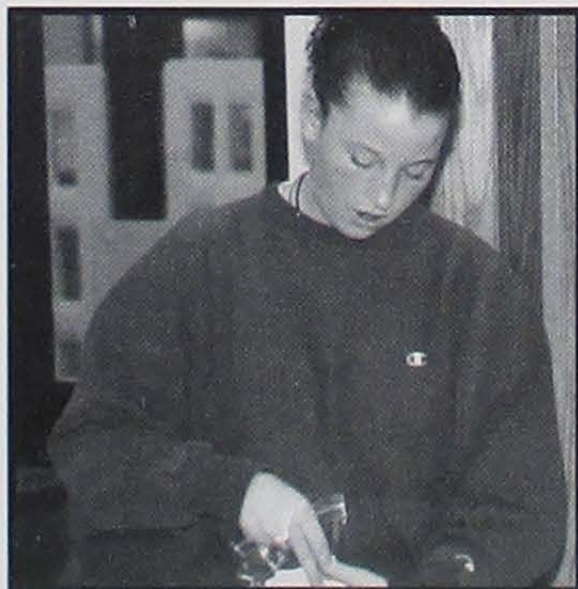


Cross country girls huddle before their conference meet in order to give support to each other and keep focused on their goals.

"We just went to win. We went to run and do our best. We weren't going to settle

for anything but first place. The past meets had went well for us so we were confident that we could win the conference." sophomore **Erica Lynn** said. (photo by Stacey Chung)

Junior **Anna North** sorts through her friends' senior pictures. The pictures, which usually cost parents a pretty penny were worth the money and provided students with memoirs of their high school friends. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Juniors **Micheal Drennan, Steve Bauer, Stephen Goldman, Mert Akinc,** and senior **Nathan Hostetter** kick back and critique the yearbook in the junior/senior room

during a free period. Give it up, you're not going to find many pictures of yourselves. We made sure of that. (photo by Stacey Chung)



The marching band proudly moves across the football field during halftime of a home game. The band worked hard to get the crowd involved in the games. Band members led the fans in singing the

fight song and promoting school spirit. The games just wouldn't be the same without them. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



# In the Spotlight

by Nicole Olson

Many have expressed themselves vocally in the privacy of their own showers, however, the choir students shared their vocal talents with fourteen thousand people.

Along with the arrival of the Shania Twain concert came an unbelievable opportunity for a few lucky vocalists. In every city Shania Twain traveled through, she recruited local talent to join her in performing during a small segment of her concert. The Ames representatives were chosen from the school's choir. Selected by luck of the draw, interested vocalists sat patiently as nine names were drawn out of a hat.

Along with the opportunity to shine came much responsibility and frustration.

"It was frustrating, the day before the concert we had to learn the back-up part by tape. We had no sheet music, so we had to fish out the soprano, alto, and tenor parts on the keyboard. It was difficult. It took two hours to figure it out. We then practiced the next day in

the morning and at 3:45 that afternoon we practiced with Twain for thirty minutes. We were given a break to eat before the concert that night." senior **Bryan Allen** said.

The singers were able to view the performance both from the audience and as performers. They were given a dressing room, backstage passes, and good seats to the show. After watching most of the concert, they returned backstage to perform "God Bless The Child" on stage.

"It was a total rush being on stage, we had to do it in our robes which sucked, but everyone was watching us. I was not nervous at all, I was ready for that and ready to kick everyone off the stage and take over." senior **Sarah Jones** said.

Although, there was glamor, there was not a lot of freedom to walk around backstage and socialize.

"Besides seeing her on stage, we didn't

meet her. Nothing language wise at least, a smirk, that was about it. It was great to have the experience to be with someone famous, that was an advantage, but otherwise she was not nice," Allen said.

"It was an awesome experience. I mean, when else do you get to sing in front of fourteen thousand people. It was cool to sing with someone who you hear on the radio and see in magazines all the time. There was a bunch of the cowboys getting drunk, but the performance was good. They put on a good show and had a lot of fun doing it. You could tell they were having fun which made it fun for everyone else." junior **Abby Brannan**.

Either way, the experience left a lasting impression on these students for years to come. Now Shania Twain may no longer think of Ames, Iowa as just a small town in which she has to stop on her tour.

*If given the chance to sing back-up for an artist/singer, who would you choose and why?*

*"The Spice Girls, because I want to be like a spice."*

--freshman Sara Simons

*"My sister Leslie Hall, because she is ugly and she smells bad."*

--freshman Cassidy Hall

*"Faith Hill, I like her style of music."*

--sophomore Stephanie Girton

*"Janet Jackson, because I admire her"*

--junior Shanda Metzler

*"En Vogue because it would be a good experience."*

--junior Tricia Fogarty

*"N'Sync, because then there would be a lot of hot girls in the crowd to look at."*

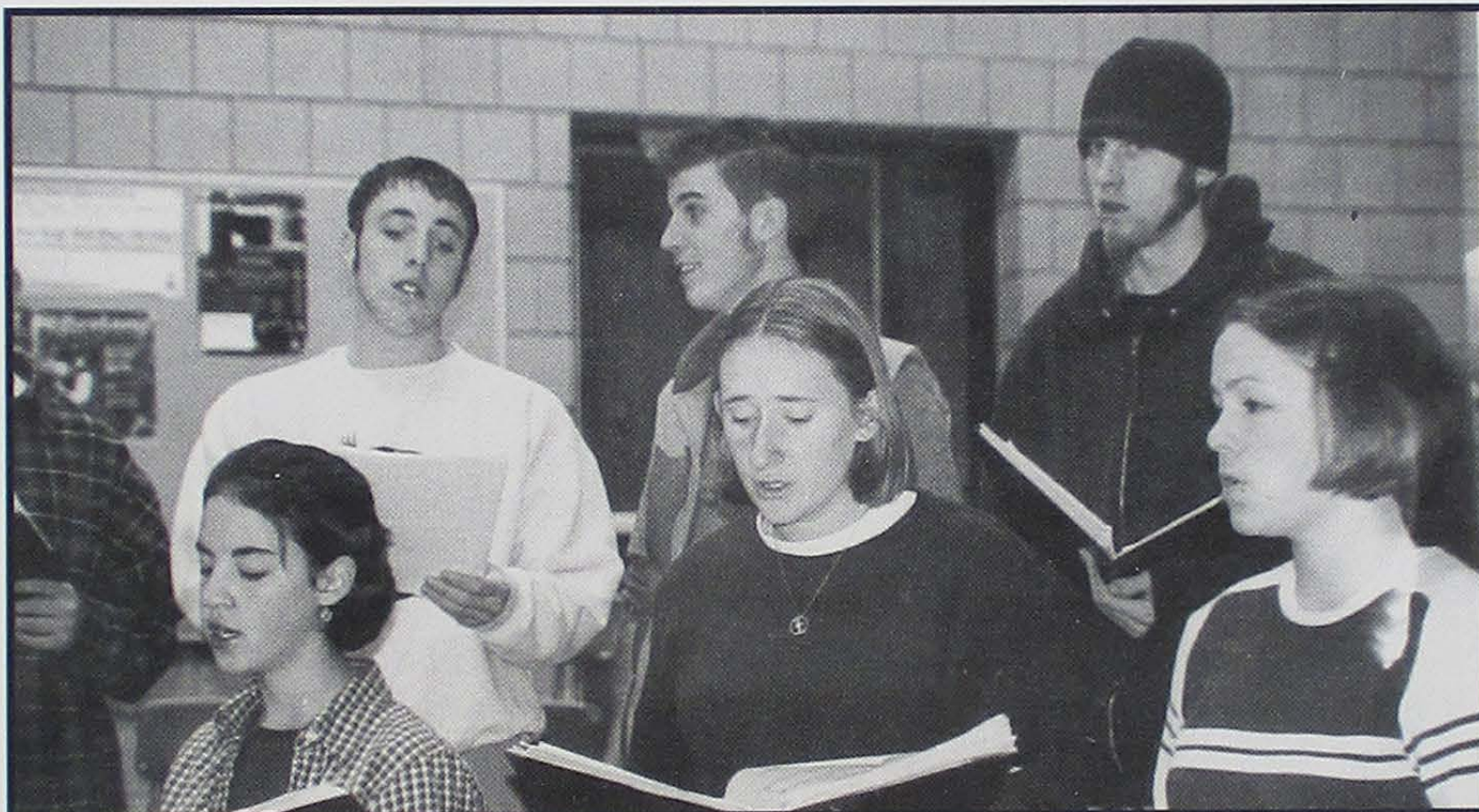
--junior Mark VanderZyl

*"Oasis, because they are my favorite band."*

--junior Aki Nakagawa

*"Don McLean, so I can ask him what the hell American Pie means."*

--senior Aaron Weiss



A number of students were very pleased to be selected to sing with Shania Twain. They even got up early to practice. Although once the evening was over students were very disappointed in super-star Shania's attitude towards them. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

Junior **Patrick Finn** shows-off by flexing for junior **Maya Anderson**. He has accumulated this muscle mass in order to do the amazing stunts during the school dance parties with ease. (photo by Houdi Khosravi)



**Nation -**  
National  
School Bus  
Safety Week

**Ames -**  
Fall Choral  
Concert

**Ames -**  
CC Invite

**Newton -**  
Girls' swim-  
ming

**Newton -**  
Volleyball

**Ames -**  
Volleyball vs.  
Ankeny

**Ames -**  
CC Districts

**Ames -**  
Voc. All State  
Ensemble

**Ames -**  
End of 1st  
Quarter

**Ames -**  
Football vs.  
Newton  
(Parents  
Night)

**Ft. Dodge -**  
Girl's swim-  
ming, Conf.  
Meet

**Indianola -**  
All State  
Auditions  
(Band/Choir/  
Orchestra)

## *Lending a Helping Hand*

by Eknath Vittal

Three years ago when P.E. Peers was started, there were very few peers for each student. The program was developed to help mentally or physically challenged students and have them interact with the students in the high school. This year each student in the class had 3 peers for every class period. The students became more socially active and made a lot of friends throughout the school.

"Initially, teachers were the ones who ran the program. Now we are hoping that eventually the students will take over the program. The peers are fantastic. The students receive a different kind of exposure beyond where they are now," coordinator **Linda Andorf** said. "The students find a different kind of enjoyment."

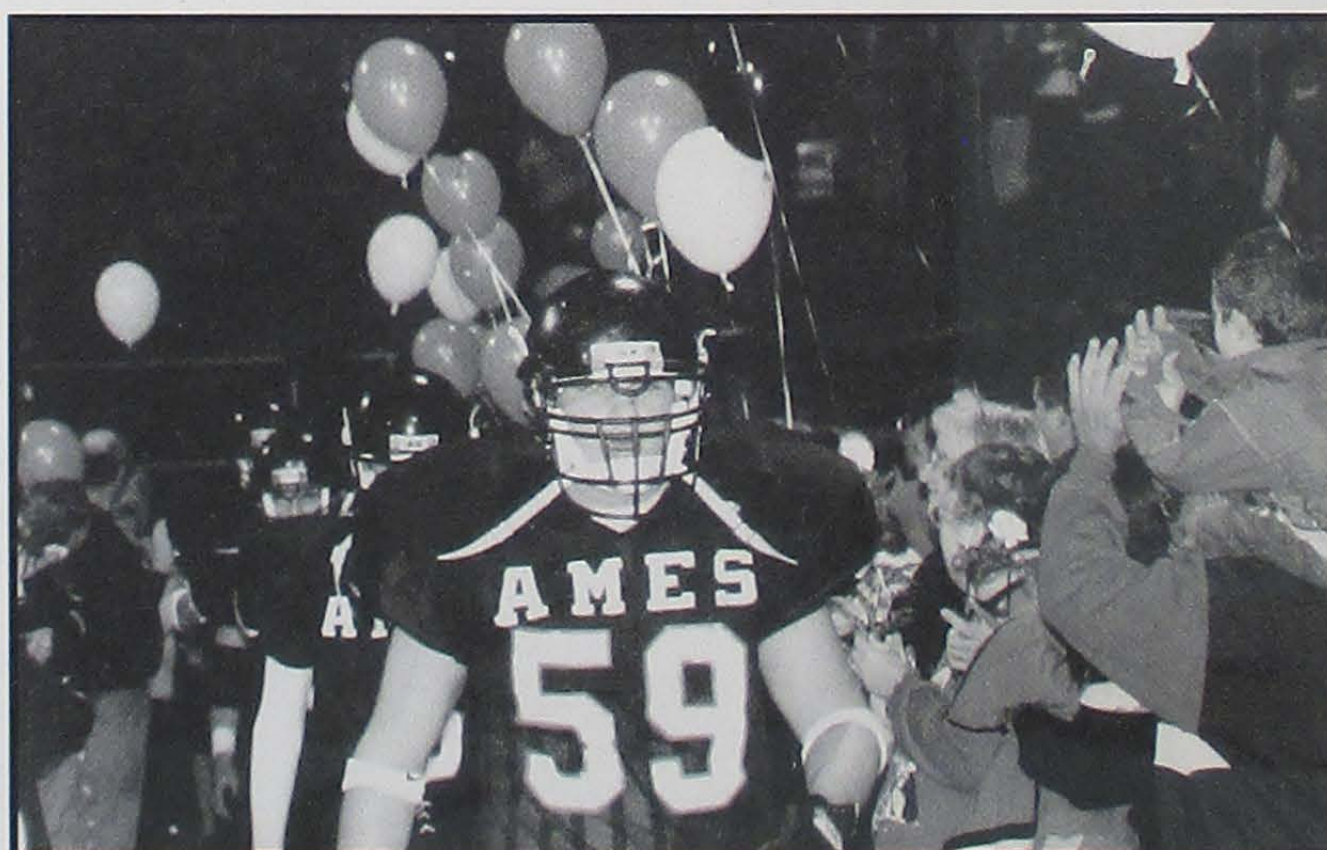
The program was run, during first period on Mondays and Fridays and second period on Tuesdays and Thursdays, by physical education teacher **Andy Bruemmer**.

"The program is super! They are a great group of peers. This year the peers are more in charge. They were an exceptional group and really wanted to teach," Mr. Bremmer said, "The students love the peers. When I walk into their room they get really excited. Some students are a bit shy at first, but they like it and have a lot of fun."

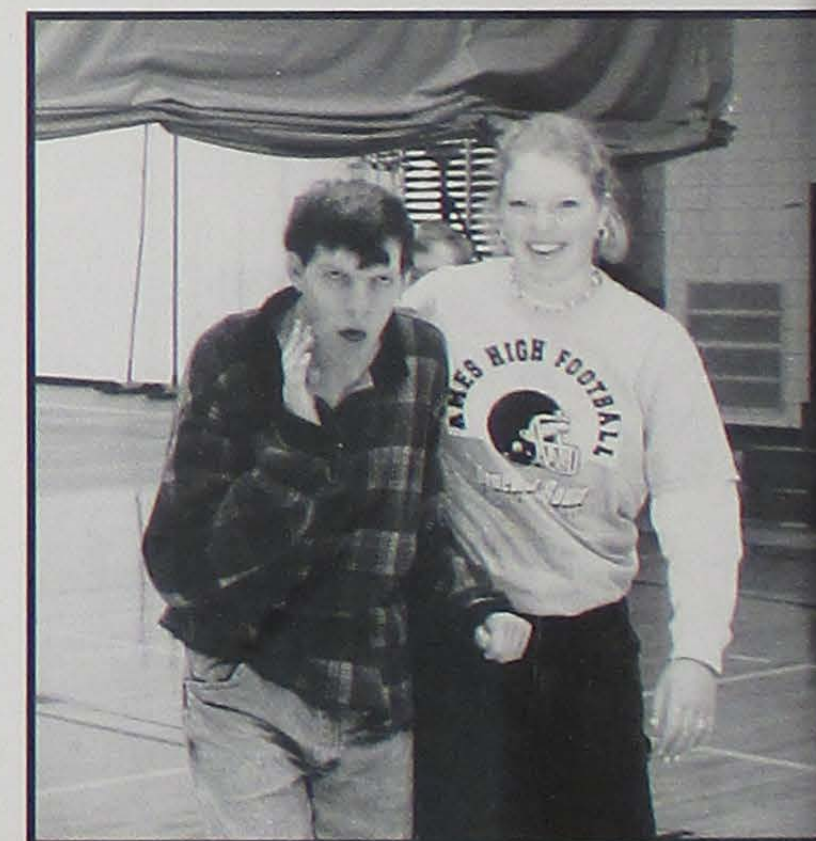
The peers also learned along with the students. "It makes you really happy when they succeed. They have shown a lot of improvement through out the year. It makes you feel good when you know you helped them get there," sophomore **Andrea Steele** said.

P.E. Peers was a program about helping people and having fun. Each year the program has been implemented, it has grown and the peers have become more active. The students really looked forward to each session and always wanted more.

Senior **Nick Rahfeldt** takes the field on senior night. The Cyclones defeated the Newton Cardinals, making the last game on the home field even more bitter-sweet to the seniors. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



**Josh Nelson** has so much fun that he grips the sides of his wheel chair. The classes bring excitement to not only the students but also the peers. (photo by Lydia VanHorn)

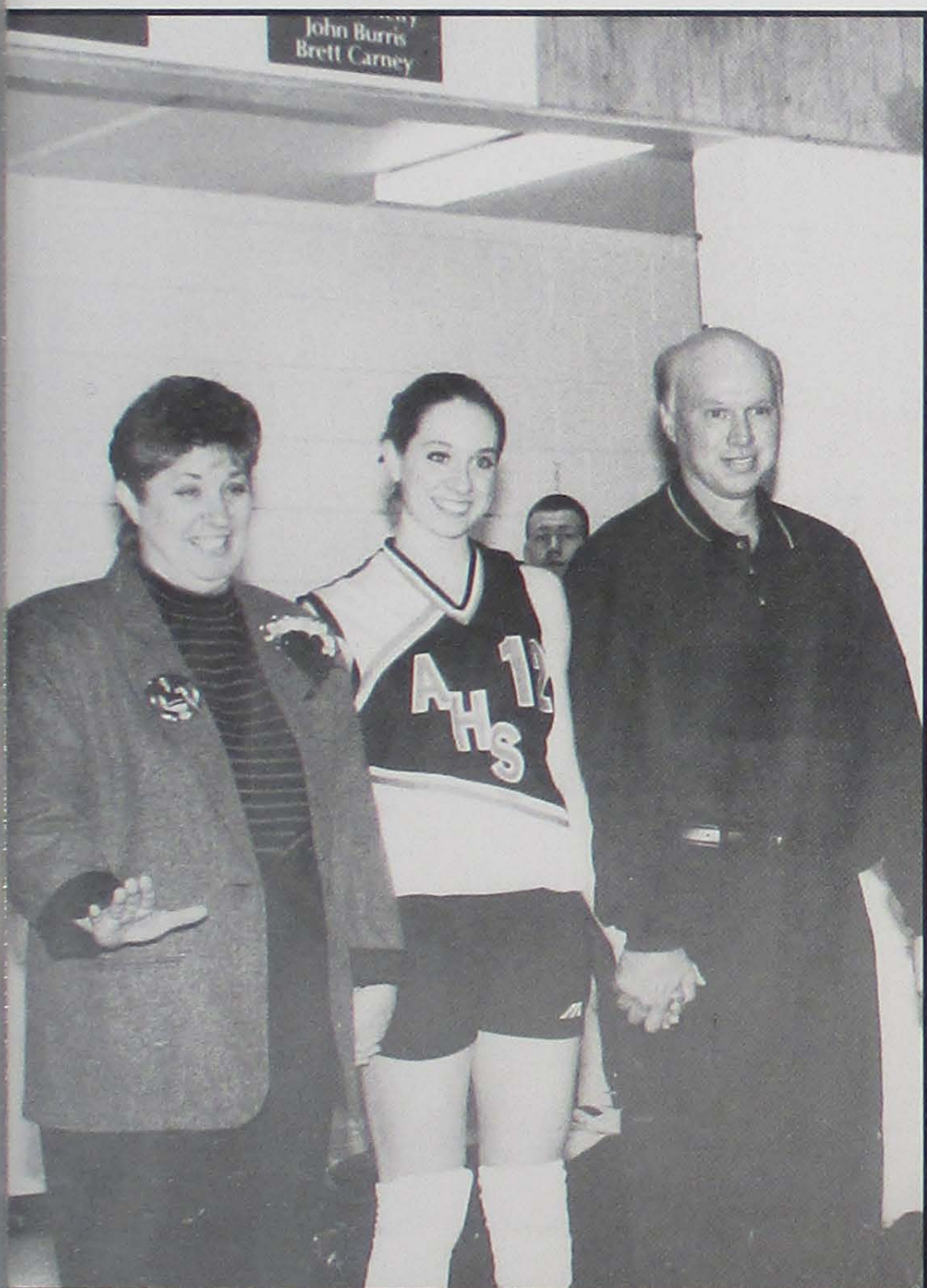


Junior **Katy Crawford** helps **Michael Ray** with the three minute walk at the beginning of the period. The peers helped get the students in shape. (photo by Lydia VanHorn)



Sophomores **Kylan Loney** and **Erica Lynn** and seniors **Emily Duffelmeyer** and **Lindsay Heiligenthal** take off at the

sound of the gun. The varsity team went on to win thirteenth place at state. (photo by Stacey Chung)

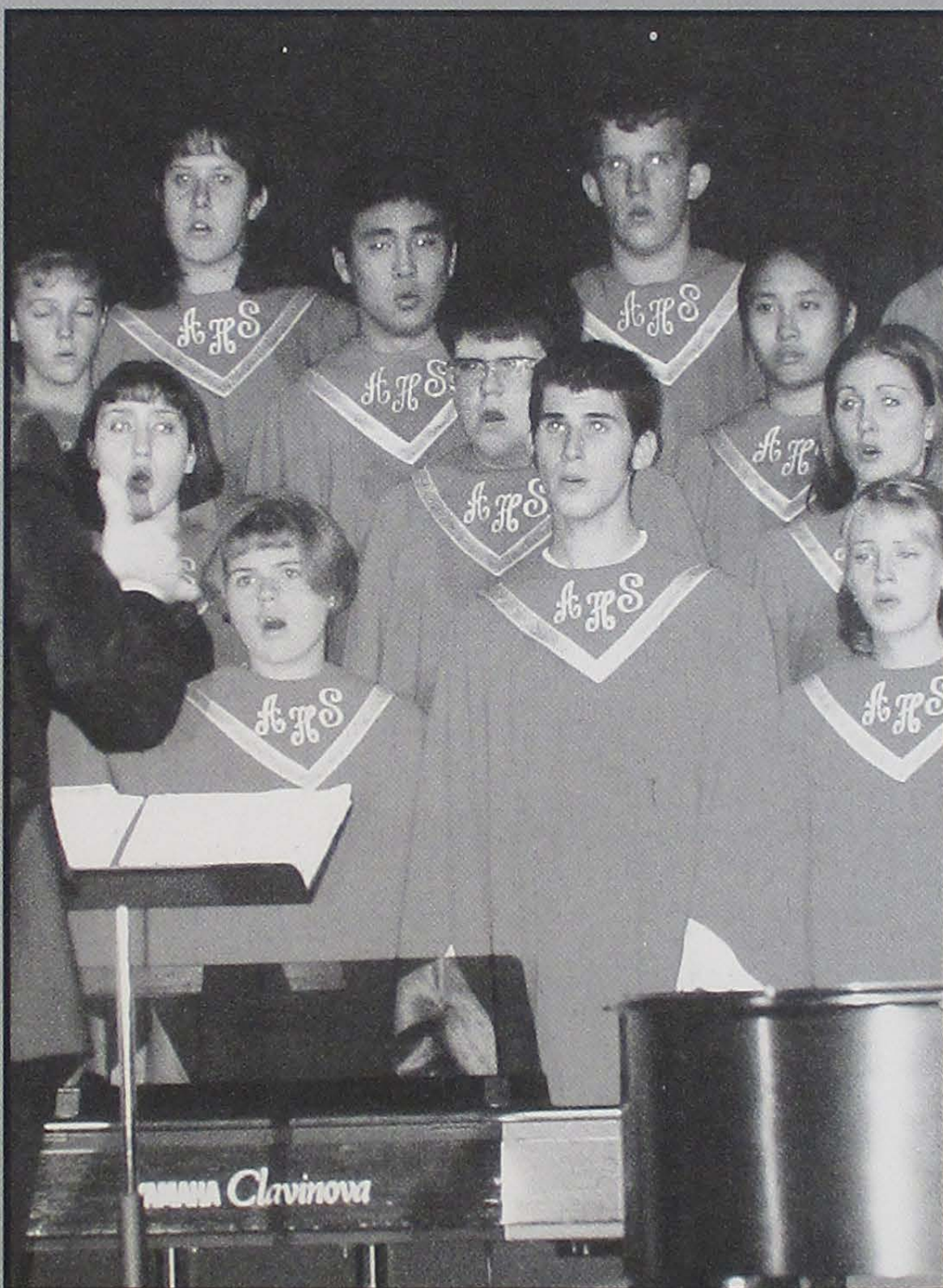


Senior **Shawne Kingsbury** is escorted by her parents, at the volleyball senior night. Ames beat the Ankeny

Hawkettes at their last home game. This win gave them an undefeated record at home. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)

## Are You Hearing This?

By Sarah Rathert



Chorus presents their fall concert in the school auditorium. "It was a lot of fun and we enjoyed the music that we performed," junior **Kirk Youngberg** said. "A lot of students came to watch us, which was great." Choir concerts required

months of preparation before the nights of performance. A few select students were even picked to sing with Reba McEntire and Shania Twain during their concerts at Hilton Coliseum. (photo by Amy Chung)



volleyball team goes to state for the first time.  
first bomb threat. mendelson retires.  
football team goes to the  
uni-dome. all state  
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for state of iowa. winter sportskick-  
off. thanksgiving day. pearl  
harbor day. winter vac-  
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*2nd Quarter*





Senior **Jes-  
sica Wray** dives  
for the ball during vol-  
leyball practice, before the  
state competition. (photo by  
Amy Chung)



Senior  
**Nate  
Ginder** tags  
teammate senior  
**Rob Adams** as they  
prepare for competition at  
the UNI-dome. (photo by  
Mandi Hardy)

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*The Time is Now*

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# October 25-31

S	<b>Ames -</b> Workshop Day, No school  <b>Ames -</b> Volleyball vs. Boone, Districts	T	W	<b>Ames -</b> Marching Band Spec- tacular  <b>Newton -</b> Volleyball, Districts	F	<b>Ft. Dodge -</b> Boys' & Girls' CC, State  <b>Ft. Dodge -</b> Girls' swim- ming, Districts
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Twirlers brought color to the band at the Marching Band Spectacular. Their presence added to the effect of halftime shows at games. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Following the rhythmic beat of the drums, band members perform at the Marching Band Spectacular. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)

Senior **Mandy Noll** and the district swim team got into the Halloween spirit and wore pumpkin caps at the meet held on the 31st. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



The sophomore football team had one of the best seasons in school history, finishing with a perfect 9-0 record. They completed the season by upstaging Ankeny 44-28. "At the sophomore level it was the

coaches that made us successful. They experimented and found who played best where. They made us feel like we all had a chance," sophomore **Carl Prater** said (photo by Brian Tenney)



# SMILING PUMPKINS, SMILING FACES

By Erin Martin

It was a bright sunny day, and there was a slight breeze blowing in from the east. About 30 students gathered in the courtyard for an exciting day of pumpkin decorating.

"I love decorating pumpkins," sophomore **Brian Clark** exclaimed. "It's even better when you do it for a good cause!"

Dedicated Key Clubbers whipped out their paints and markers for another needy cause. Pumpkins were decorated for members of the Northcrest Retirement Center. The carvers were told to make the faces on the pumpkins cheerful and to avoid the gory, gruesome faces often associated with Halloween.

The residents of Northcrest weren't used to so many visitors. Actually, many of them were thrown into a state of shock. Key Club members met Ames alumni from as far

back as 1928. Most of the members of Northcrest didn't know what to think when they opened their doors to five or ten high school students. One woman was so overwhelmed that she cried with joy. Although many individuals could barely lift the small pumpkins, they still took them in with great thanks.

"It was a great experience, and a lot of fun too," freshman **Lauren Morz** said. "The smiles on their faces just made everything worthwhile."

Everyone retreated back to their cars only to discover that all of the pumpkins had not been delivered. The rest were soon dropped off and the task completed. The exceptional attendance and smiling faces were characteristic of the happy members of Key Club, as another good deed came to an end.



**Sandy Chang** and **Shilpa Reddy** admire their work after helping decorating pumpkins for Northcrest. (photo courtesy of Jill Larson)



Senior **Mary Jischke** perfects her passing skills as the rest of the team waits their turn. The varsity team focused primarily on their serving skills, which were the key to

beating Newton in the second round of districts. Ames avenged their loss to Newton earlier in the season by beating the Cardinals in five games. (photo by Amy Chung)



Seniors **Mary Russell**, **Heather McElvain**, **Lindsay Heiligenthal**, **Claire Gilchrist** and **Katherine Acker** dress up as the "Goth" for a Halloween party. (photo courtesy of Claire Gilchrist)

## THE ULTIMATE KEY CLUB PROJECT

"Cleaning Brookside Park." -- freshman **Melissa Riedesel**

"Pet walks." -- freshman **Geoffrey Asklof**

"Instead of TP-ing, stick individual marshmallows on the end of each of the tree branches." -- sophomore **Nate Staniforth**

"Habitat for Humanity." -- junior **Erin Peiffer**

"A Thanksgiving dinner for the needy, and we could dress as pilgrims and serve sweet potatoes." -- junior **Dan Carter**

"Go on dates with old people." -- senior **Andi Thatcher**

"Clean the prison bathrooms." -- senior **Juan Navas**



# November 1-7

## Nation -

National PTA  
Child Safety  
and Protec-  
tion Month

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## Ft. Dodge -

Volleyball,  
Regionals

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## Urbandale -

Football, 1st  
Rd. Playoffs

W

## Ames -

Fall play,  
*Flowers For  
Algernon*

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## Ames -

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## Ft. Dodge -

Girls' swim-  
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Girls' swim-  
ming, State

## Into the Words

by Lindsay Van Fleet

The school plays always provided a challenge for cast and crew alike. However, this year people had a harder time performing the intense drama *Flowers for Algernon*.

"People are used to us doing comedies. We really had to get into the words we were saying for [the play] to work," sophomore **Jim Van Fleet** said.

A new director (**Sean Sabo**), a new kind of play (drama) and a lot of time (four hours a night) were needed to prepare. Each cast member had to put in long hours practicing.

"The long hours were necessary for the success of the play. It is a complicated play in terms of movement and delivery of lines. Also, I am a perfectionist when it comes to acting," director Sabo said.

His perfection sometimes took its toll on the crew, who were often overlooked as part of the play. Light crew members **Ben Woline** and **Linnea Woline** were referred to by many as the "Light Gods" because of their hard

work.

"I don't think a lot of people realize the hard work we do. They only notice us when a light breaks," junior **Linnea Woline** said.



Charlie Gordon, played by junior **Nathaniel Pleasants**, pauses during a confession of love for his former teacher, Alice Kinnian, played by senior **Erika Prater**. The play was one of the most dramatic plays performed by students. (photo by Stacey Chung)

Sophomore **Ben Woline** tried to look at the good side of his job. "It's fun to work with asbestos," Woline said.

Even though the play went very well, there were

Juniors **Amir Efrati** and **Ben Stark** listen intently to their patient Charlie Gordon, played by junior **Nathaniel Pleasants**, as he explains his suffering from the effects of his operation. (photo right by Stacey Chung)

Senior **Katherine Harker** passionately delivers her lines during a flashback scene in the fall play *Flowers for Algernon*. Harker played the main character, an emotionally and physically abusive mother. (photo left by Stacey Chung)

always those moments that didn't quite as planned.

"During the party scene everyone was supposed to be suave and sophisticated. Nathaniel Pleasants, though knocked over a plate of cookies and Adam Diesberg dropped down and started eating them off the floor," senior **Erika Prater**, who played the part of Alice Kinnian, said.

Junior **Nathaniel Pleasants** was Charlie Gordon, and found his part very difficult.

"Trying not to convey mentally challenged people in a condescending way was probably the hardest part of my role," Pleasants said.

The play was very successful according to the actors and audience alike. Most performers felt they acted well and did justice to their characters.

"I am amazed how many talented kids there are at Ames High," Sabo said.

"Everyone put a lot of time and effort in, and I think the play reflected that," sophomore **Brynna Dieter** said.





Juniors **Dan Burrow** and **Kevin Schainker** bring down a member of the Urbandale football team. The football team successfully con-

quered the Jayhawks allowing them to advance to the next level of competition against Sioux City North. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Huddle up! The volleyball team works through a last minute strategy at their regional game against Fort Dodge. (photo by Amy Chung)



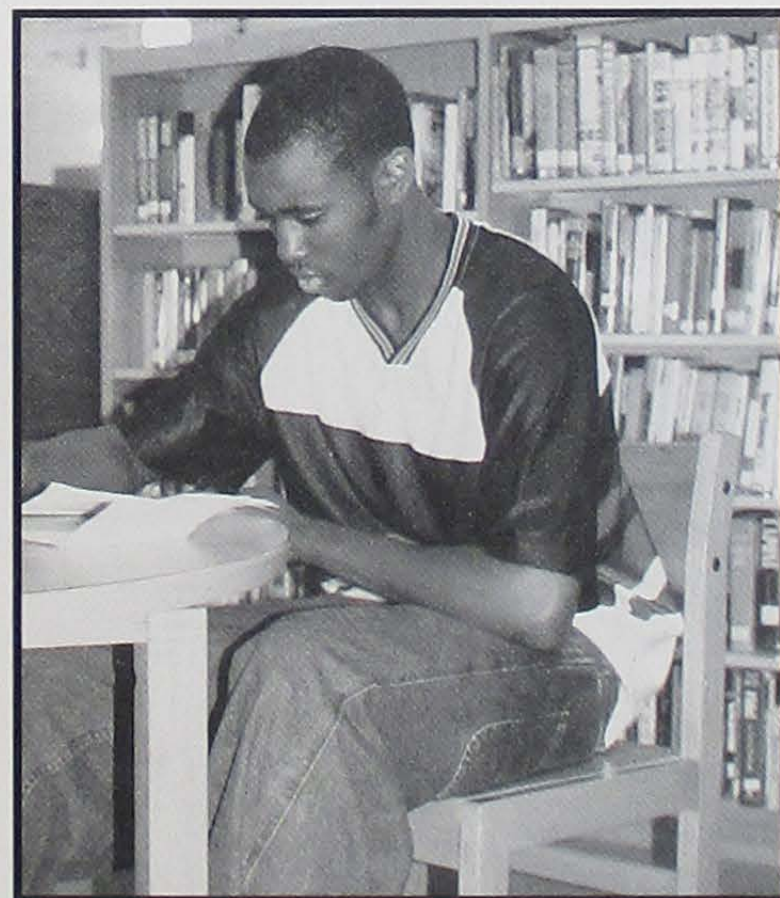
The girls' state swimmers and their supporters display the wall of encouragement they all made together. The Spice Girls brought girl power support, and the BSB and N'Sync were also be-

hind the swimmers all the way. "We really got into the Spice Girl action at the meet, we came up with spice names for everyone!" senior **Katherine Acker** said. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Selected members from the chorus sang back-up for two of country's hottest singers: **Shania Twain** and **Reba McEntire**. "The first time, when we were chosen to sing with Twain, everyone thought it would never happen again, but it did!" junior **Lind-**

**say Pohlman** said. Both of the experiences were unique ones for the students. "Reba McEntire was very gracious," said Pohlman. "And she was a lot nicer than Shania Twain!" (photo courtesy of Sarah Jones)



Senior **Chris Davis** studies away in the media center. Many students used the media center as a quiet place for study when the junior/senior room got too rowdy. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



# November 8-14

## Ames -

Football vs. Sioux City, Playoffs - Quarter-final round

## Ames -

Girls' BB 1st practice

## Nation -

Veterans' Day

## Ames -

All State Music Festival at ISU

## Cedar Falls

Football vs. Dowling, Playoffs - Semi-final round

## Setting Higher Expectations

by Nicole Olson

The '98 varsity team raised standards for future Ames volleyball players by starting a tradition of competing in state. For the first year in Ames High history the volleyball team qualified to play at the state tournament.

"Before we went, we all knew this was going to be the ultimate game. We all wanted to play to our potential and we did. We all played our best and had a chance of winning, but the other team (Waverly-Shellrock) had some key players that turned the game around in their favor," junior **Sarah Tapper** said.

Not only were the players pumped for the game, the stands were filled with pumped fans, too.

"There were so many people in the crowd. The crowd was so loud that we

couldn't hear our teammates. They pumped us up so much, but it made it hard to communicate with the other players," junior **Meagan Harms** said.

Not only was this game important and stressful to the players, but it also provided memories and a positive experience.

"It was so much fun, I will never forget that feeling. It was also nice to get the experience," sophomore **Megan Morrow** said.

"I was upset I wouldn't be able to play with the girls (varsity team) again. I'll miss playing with them; we had a lot of good times," Harms said.

The score might have been painful to remember, but in the long run no one will care about the score. They will look back at the fun times and memorable experience.

Ames warms up on the court before the big game against Waverly-Shellrock. The crowd above consisted of supportive students, (enough to fill more than five pep buses), parents, and others ready and excited to cheer on the team. (photo by Amy Chung.)



Senior **Jessica Wray** prepares to return a hit during the game, as senior **Shawne Kingsbury** stays close by to back her up. (photo by Amy Chung)



# Pic-a-Flic

*What's the best movie you saw in theaters this year?*

- 1.) *Saving Private Ryan*
- 2.) *Armageddon*
- 3.) *There's Something About Mary*
- 4.) *Good Will Hunting*
- 5.) *The Waterboy*
- 6.) *Titanic*
- 7.) *Rush Hour*
- 8.) *Urban Legend*
- 9.) *Baseketball*
- 10.) *Hope Floats*

128 students polled



*Saving Private Ryan* was the most popular movie (in theaters) among AHS students in 1998. (photo by Amblin Entertainment)

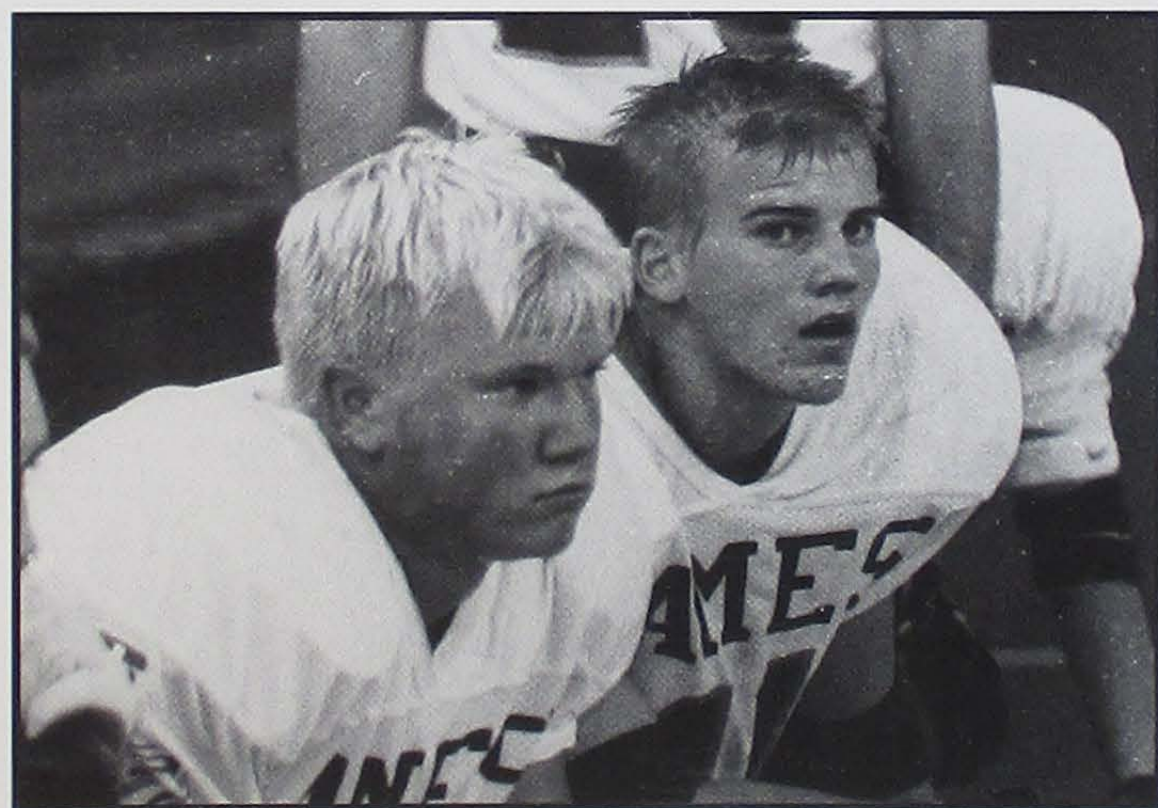
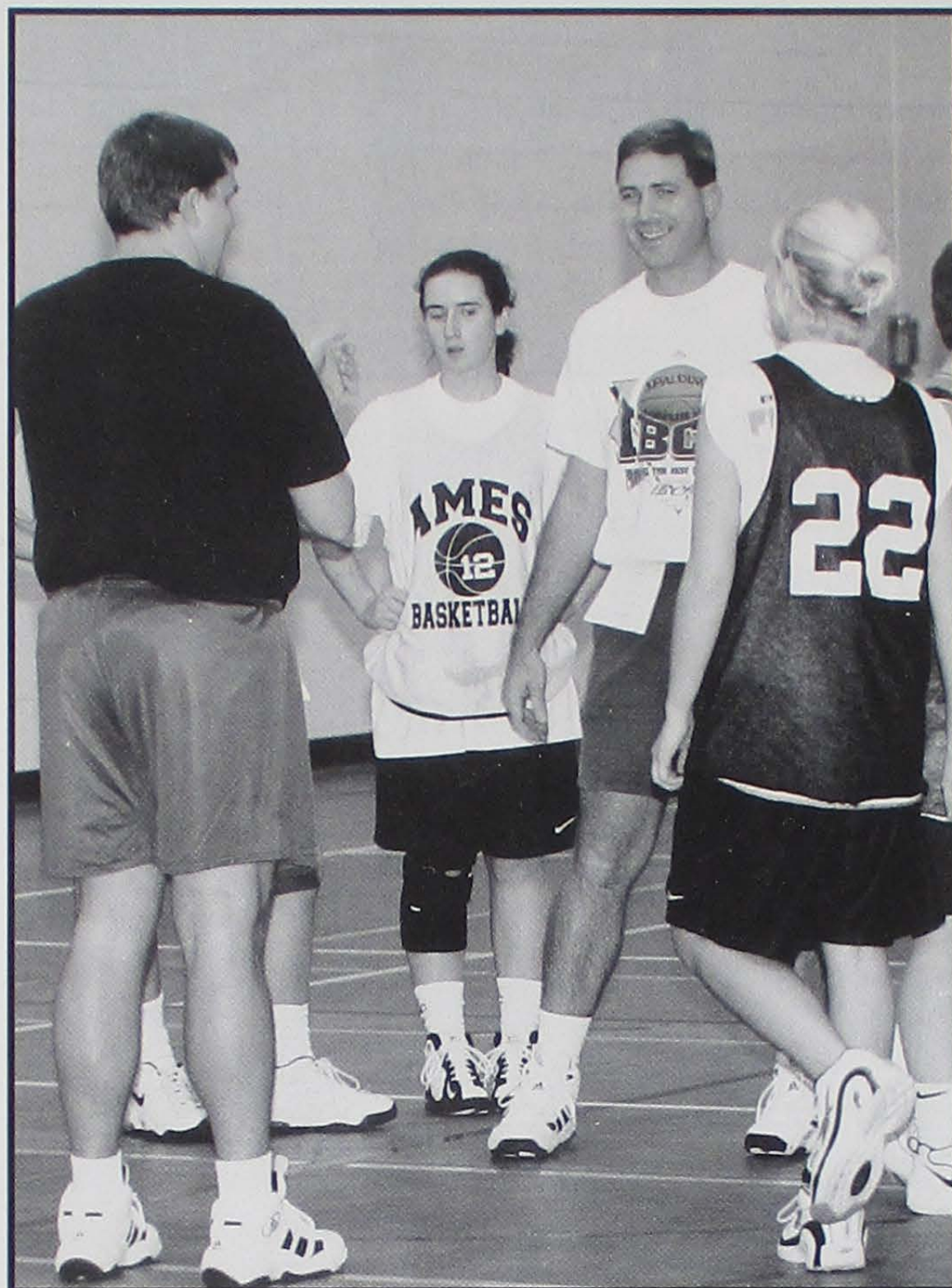


Students in homeroom 210 decided to express their appreciation for homeroom by making tee-shirts and posting signs on their lockers. Many students found it hard to believe others would put so much ef-

fort into a class where they only spent five minutes of their day. But these proud students displayed their identity with ease and willingly shared the purpose of their shirts and signs. (photo by Amy Chung)

The first girls' basketball practice was held on November 8th after a week of tryouts. "Tryouts weren't that hard," sophomore **Kylan Loney** said. "Basketball is so fun that you don't

really notice how hard you're working." Girls' basketball coaches **Joel Sullivan** and **Mark Jurgensen** take a quick timeout with their team to discuss a play. (photo by S. Chung)



Senior **Garrett Burrier** and junior **Dan Burrow** break from the game and watch the team battle Dowling at the UNI-dome on Friday. The Cyclones suffered a very disappointing loss to Dowling, but they fought the whole way. Many players cried, some collapsed in despair, or

stared in shock as they watched their championship dreams fade away. It took the team some time to leave the field that night. For seniors it was the last time they would ever dress in an AHS uniform, and others just wanted one last look. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



# November 15-21

**Ames -**  
Academic  
Letters  
Convocation

**Nation -**  
American  
Education  
Week

**Ames -**  
1st practice -  
Boys' swim-  
ming, boys'  
basketball and  
wrestling

**Nation -**  
National  
Community  
Education Day

**Ames -**  
All State  
Music Festival  
at ISU

**Ames -**  
Student  
Council Party

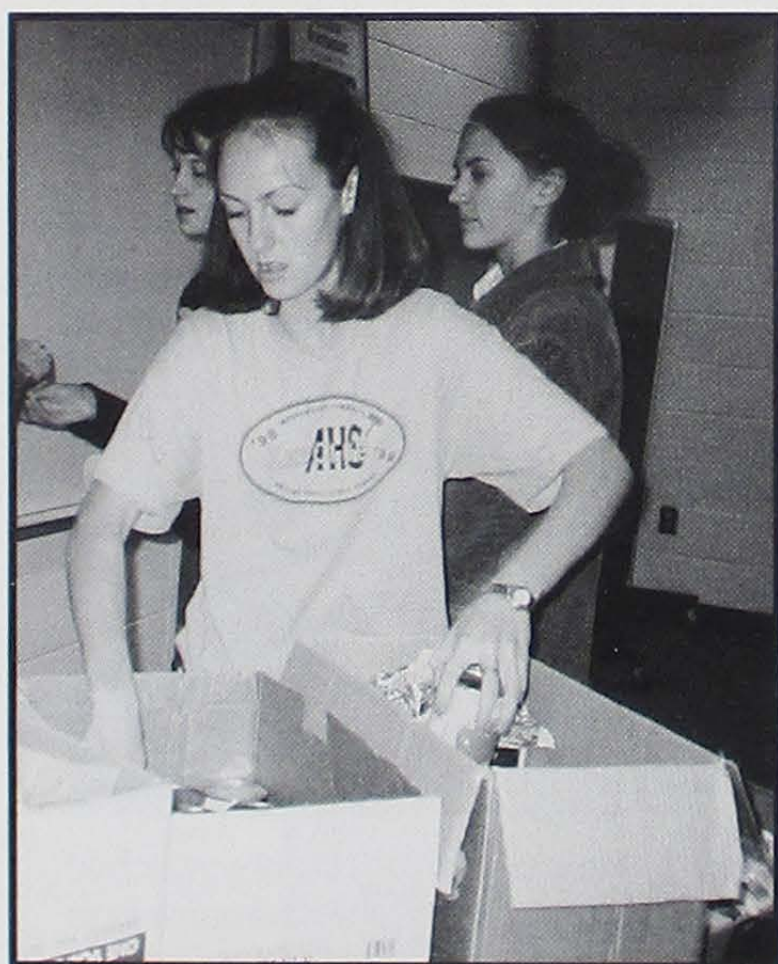
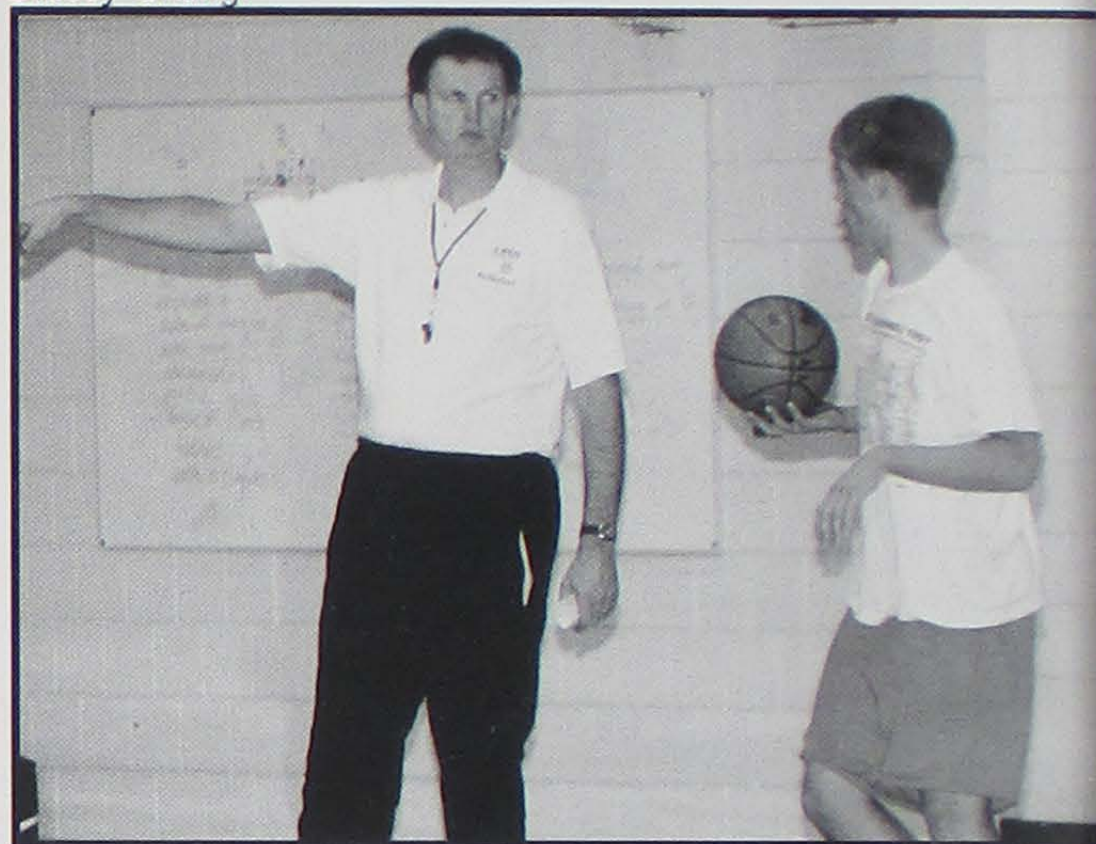
**Ames -**  
All State  
Music Festival  
at ISU

**Des Moines**  
Boys' and  
girls' basket-  
ball at Kiwanis  
Jamboree

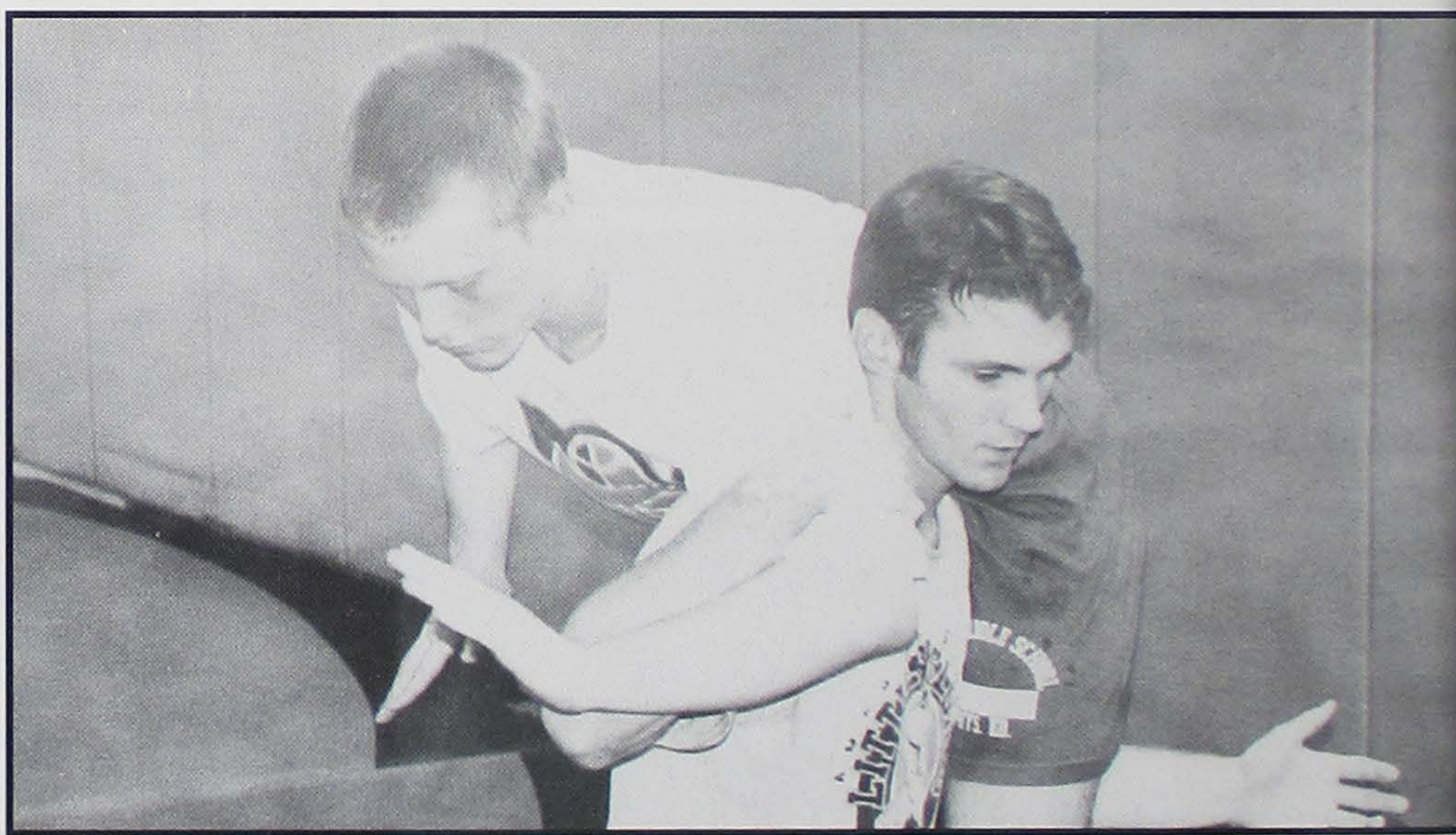
All-State band members included **Julie Song, Margie Mathison, Kathryn Polking, Ryan Beeman, Kristina Boysen, Michael Chimenti, Dan Haug,** and **Kevin Marasinghe.** (Photo courtesy of Margie Mathison)



As practices got underway, the basketball season outlook was optimistic. "We have a good returning team," coach **Dennis Cullinan** said. "We're a lot more experienced this year." (photo by Stacey Chung)



Key Club President, junior **Jill Larson**, uses all of her strength to stack a box of cans in the already massive collection donated for the Key Club Food Drive. (photo by Amy Chung)



"The year's going good so far. Everyone has a good attitude," coach **Bobby Thompson** said. "It's tough for students because they didn't just lose their coach, they lost their whole coaching staff." This sentiment was echoed by ath-

letes. "It's kinda weird being coached under a new coach. You get used to being coached by the same guy for three years, and then it just changes," senior **Ryan Cline** said. "It's just weird." (photo by Mandi Hardy)



# Performing to Perfection

by Jen Oftedal

The All-State Music Festival, performed on November 21, was a huge success. Many proud parents, enthused friends, and dedicated directors gathered for the annual event.

"All State is a highlight for students and directors alike. We are always pleased when our own musicians make it to that level," band director **Homer Gartz** said. "I'm very pleased at how my students did."

"To be perfectly honest I couldn't see any of them... they put me in front of the band," orchestra director **Mary Kay Polashek** said.

Unique and scary experiences contributed to the once in a lifetime opportunity in which Ames High instrumentalists and vocalists participated.

"Playing a loud, exposed solo on an instrument I'd only played for three weeks, in front of thousands of people, and on public television was the hardest part of the night,"

junior English horn soloist **Dan Haug** said. Haug performed with the orchestra.

The opportunity to play with the best high school talent in Iowa was a memorable one. During the single eight hour practice prior to the concert, many new techniques were tried. "We'd just finished learning *Carnival Overture*, a really fun piece, and the conductor put the podium in the middle of the room, mixed us up so that we weren't sitting near similar instruments, and conducted only the first measure. We really had to listen hard to each other to sound good and stay together," Haug said.

"I'm very impressed with how the director taught them how to play," Polashek stated.

Time and commitment were both important components in reaching the end result. "I practiced every day for about an hour for the month and a half before auditions," Haug said.

Many musicians agreed that the people involved added to the overall atmosphere of the event.

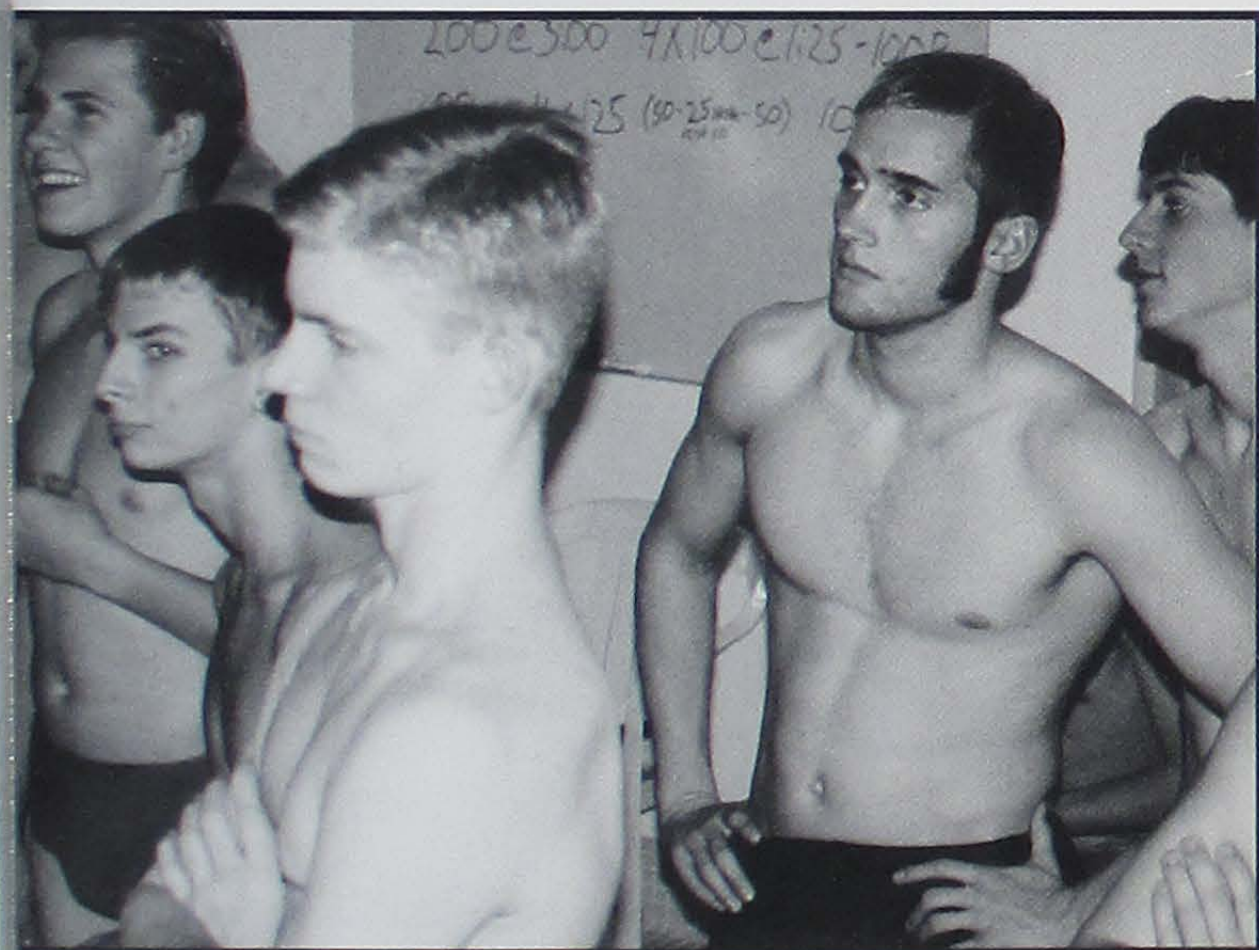
"The day of the auditions was intense, but for that one day we were a big family," junior vocalist **Anne Shelley** said.

Each member of the choir, band, and orchestra took home different views of the concert, and each had their own favorites.

"The best part of All-State was meeting many new people," senior clarinetist **Michael Chimenti** said. "Getting to miss school was the best part," sophomore clarinetist **Julie Song** joked.

For others, it was simply the concert that proved to be the most memorable. "I was really surprised that I made All State, so to play in the concert was my highlight," freshman violinist **Jennifer Lowry** said.

All-State proved to be an event to be remembered and praised.



Juniors **Alec Ottoman**, **Adam Webb**, **Josh Welter**, senior **David Miller**, and sophomore **Colin Wheeler** listen to boys' swim coach **Dan**

**Flannery** talk before a practice. "We just have fun, do our best and try not to lose our suits," Welter said. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



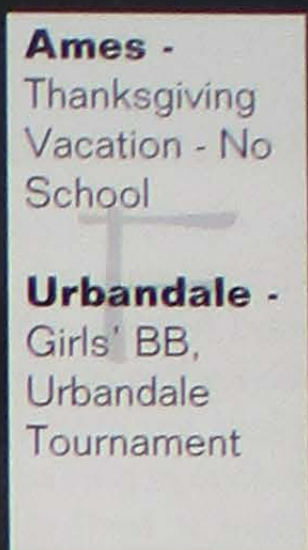
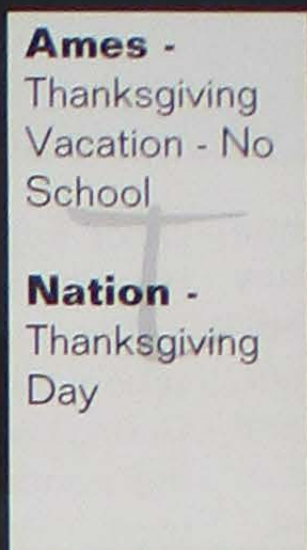
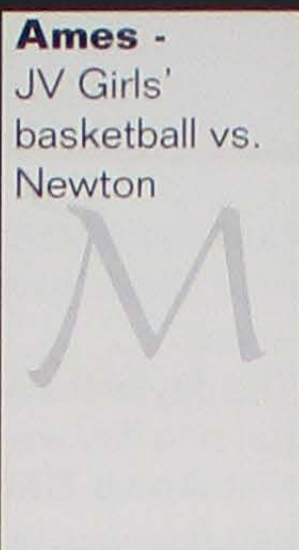
All-State orchestra members included **Dekel Luban**, **Doug Choi**, **Naomi Slutzki**, **Neha Kothari**, **Dipayan Mitra**, **Gretchen Theesfield**, and **Jennifer Lowry**. (photo courtesy of Margie Mathison)



All-State Choir members included **Aki Nakagawa**, **Adam Doran**, **Anne Shelley**, **Leah Theesfield**, **Spencer Mickelson**, **Luke Healy**, and (photo courtesy of Margie Mathison)



# November 22-28



**Ames -**  
JV Girls'  
basketball vs.  
Newton

**Ames -**  
Winter Sports  
Kick-Off

**Ames -**  
Thanksgiving  
Vacation - No  
School

**Ames -**  
Thanksgiving  
Vacation - No  
School

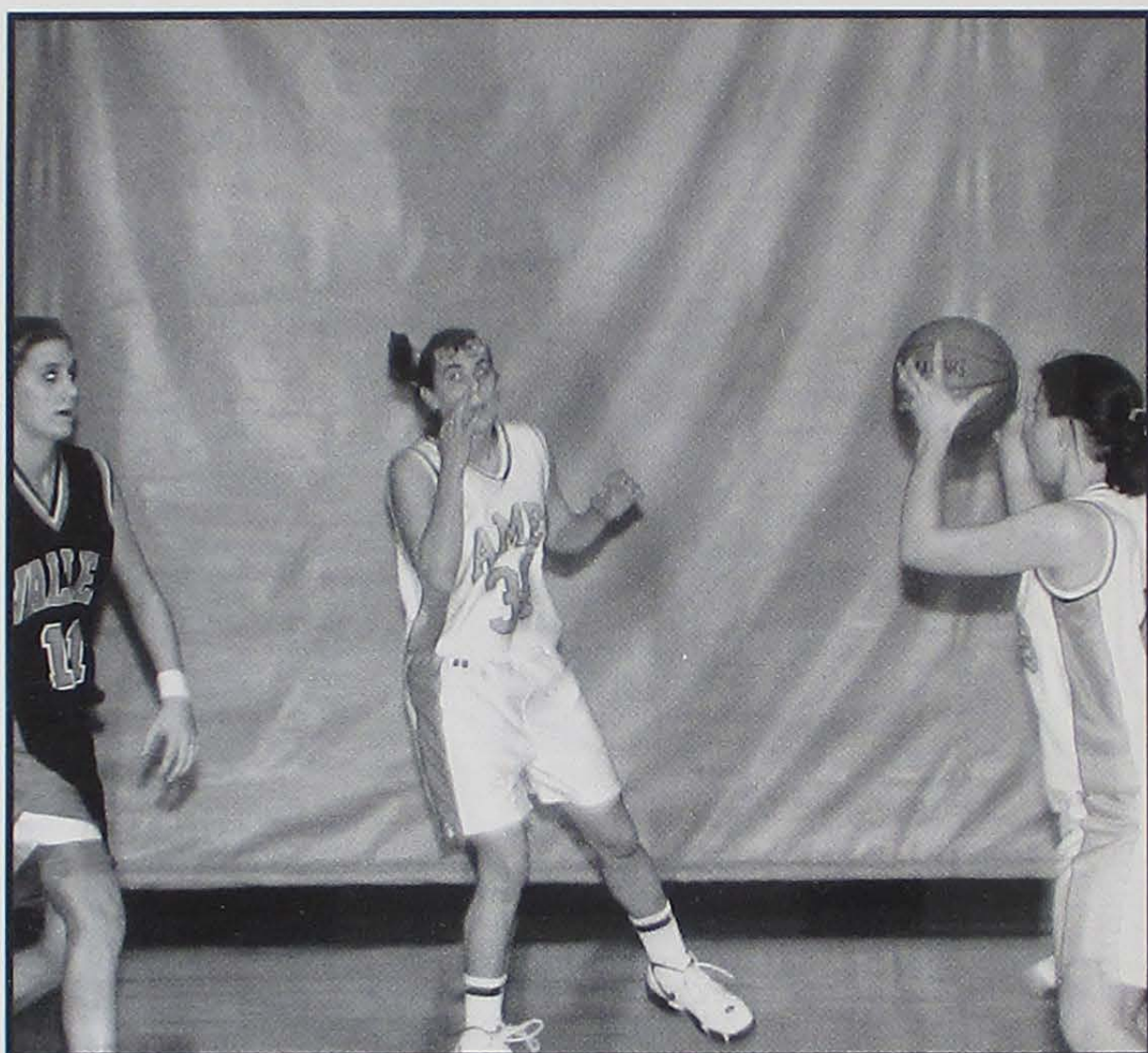
**Urbandale -**  
Girls' BB,  
Urbandale  
Tournament

**Nation -**  
Thanksgiving  
Day

**Urbandale -**  
Girls' BB,  
Urbandale  
Tournament

Senior **Molly McNertney** looks to pass down low to fellow senior **Jessica Ensley** during the girls varsity basketball game at the Urbandale Clas-

sic "We improved a lot over our [Drake] Jamboree appearance," Ensley said. "We seemed to come together as a team." (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Raquel Hansell** fakes a pass before taking the shot in the first JV girls' basketball game. "We really came together as a team," senior **Megan Sweeny** said. "It felt great to start with a win, and right now we're feeling indestructable." (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Sophomores **Justin Abbott**, **Brian Clark**, **Jamie Colbert**, **Brandon Cornelious**, and **Ben Cronin** were introduced at the Winter Sports Kick-Off for participating in sophomore basketball. The kick-off introduced the win-

ter athletes, as well as gave recognition to athletes with high grades. The ceremony was held at the beginning of each sport's season to make sure each season started on a positive note. (photo by Stacey Chung)



# What we gobbled down on Thanksgiving

*Students were asked what part of the turkey they enjoy the most.*



"Both the legs,"  
freshman  
**Tom Flaws**



"Gizzard,"  
junior  
**Justin Cochren**



"Left over turkey,"  
junior  
**Danielle Cain**

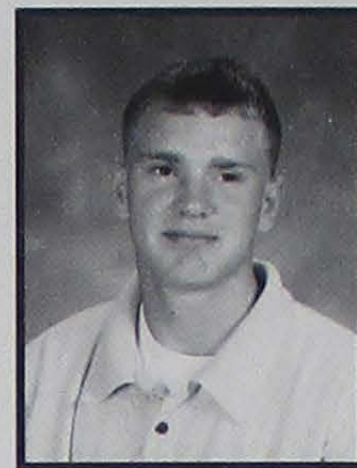
"The turkey juice,"  
sophomore  
**Marcus Mitchell**



"Brain,"  
sophomore  
**Les Lepon**

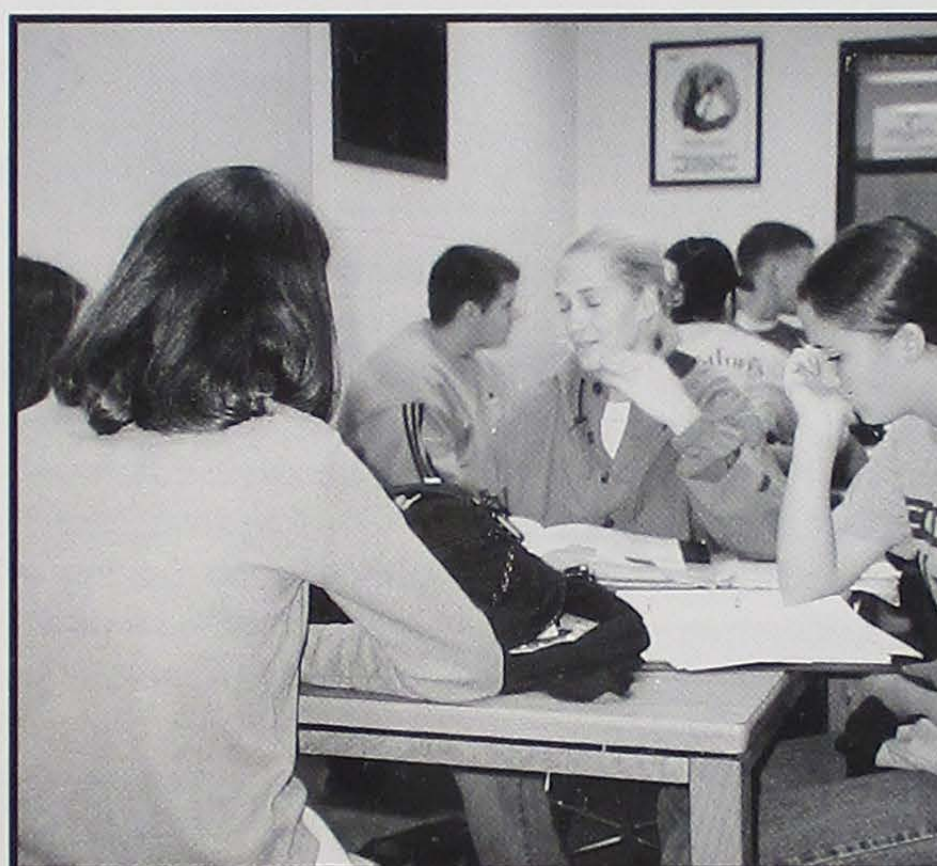


"BREAST,"  
junior  
**Brandon Bogue**

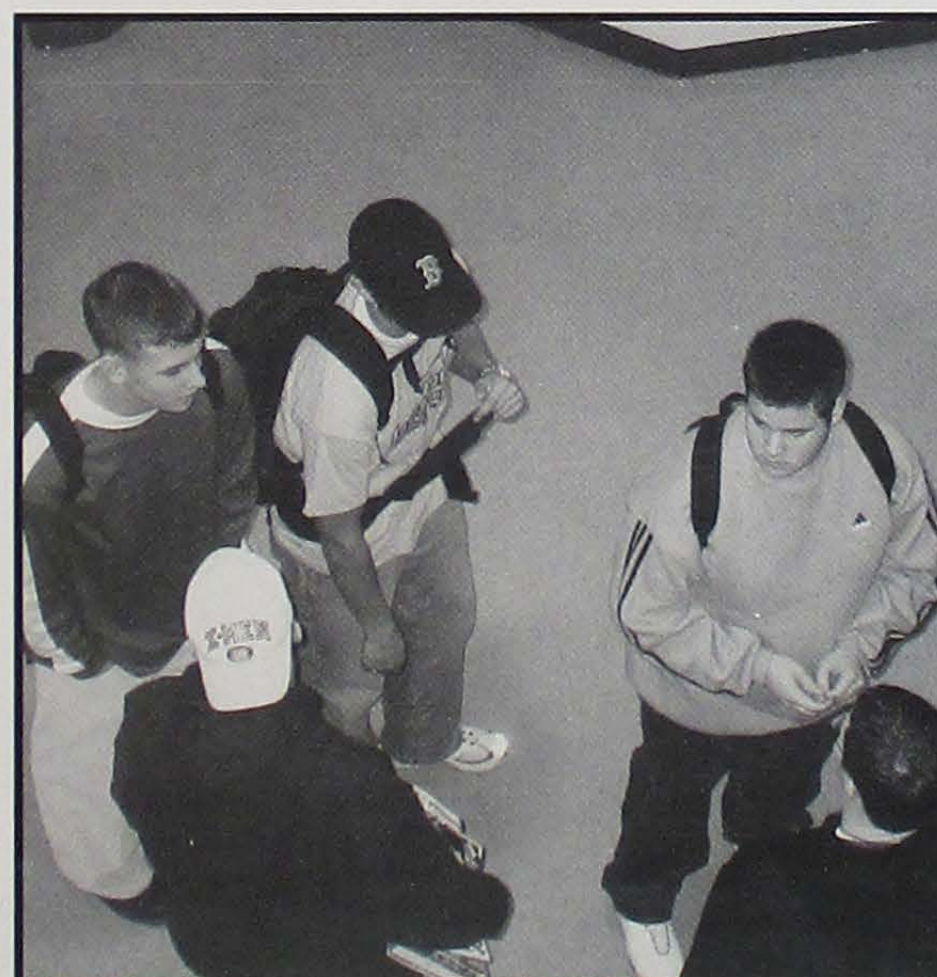


Sophmores **Lisa Corley** and **Crystal Cline** put canned food in their homeroom's box. Key Club sponsored the annual food drive and donated the food to the MICA center. The drive was held

as a contest and the winning homeroom recieved a prize. The school raised over 2000 canned goods which were distributed to needy families. (photo by Amy Chung)



Senior girls mix chatting with studying in the junior/senior room. The room was a popular hang-out and provided an escape from underclassmen and a place to study before Thanksgiving break. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior guys plan their strategies for consuming the largest possible amount of food without missing any football games on the tube. (photo by Stacey Chung)



# Nov. 29 - Dec. 5

**Ames -**  
Boys' youth  
basketball  
tournament

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**Ames -**  
Girls' basket-  
ball vs.  
Newton

**World -**  
World AIDS  
Day

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**Ames -**  
Mrs.  
Stephenson  
has a baby girl

**Ames -**  
Wrestling vs.  
Marshalltown

**Ames -**  
Boys' BB,  
Winter  
Classic Tourn.

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**Ames -**  
Boys' swim-  
ming, Ames  
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**Ames -**  
Boys' BB,  
Winter  
Classic Tourn.

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## Shall We Dance?

by Amanda Hopper

"When the students first came to me, I didn't know what to expect," physical education teacher **Mary Kautzky** said. Formed merely this year, the Swing Club, supervised by Kautzky, is still in the early stages of development. "We meet basically whenever we can," sophomore co-chair **Ben Woline** said.

"I think it's wonderful. I think it's very healthy that we have young people that are interested," Kautzky said. The club's co-chairs, Woline and senior **Emily Watts**, initially proposed the formation of a Swing Club.

Before starting the club, Woline and Watts went to the ISU Memorial Union every Friday night to dance. "The people at ISU encouraged us to start," he said. "But I think they just wanted to get us out of there."

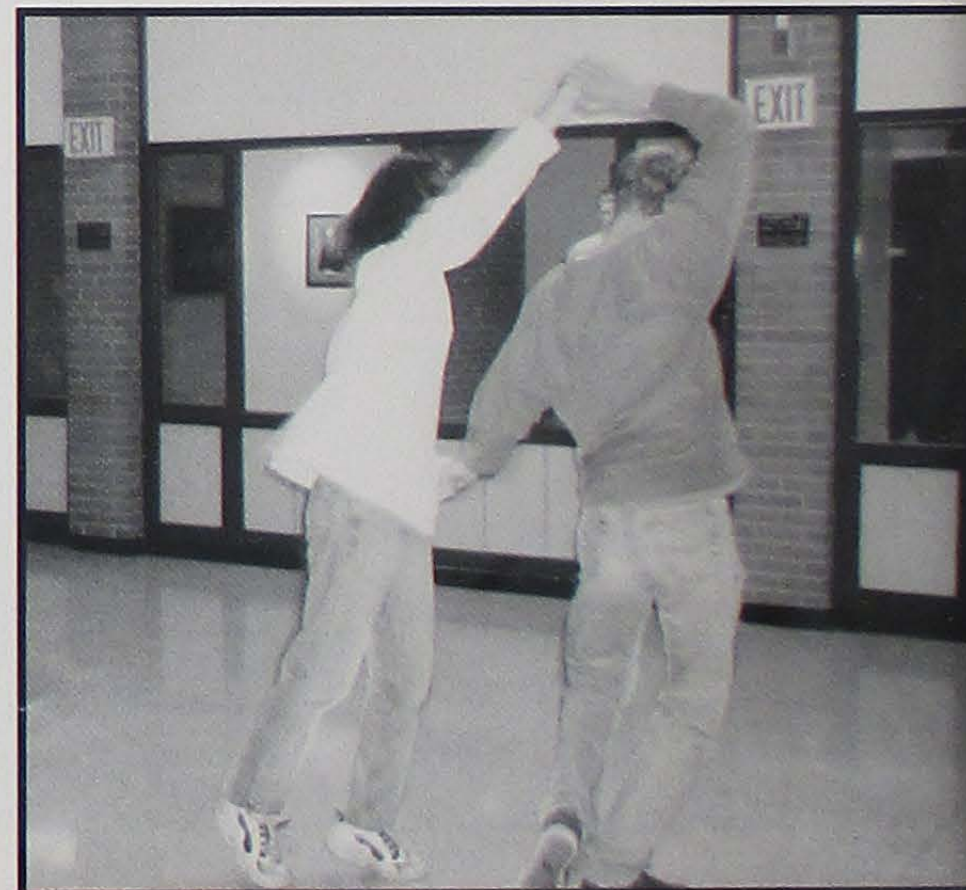
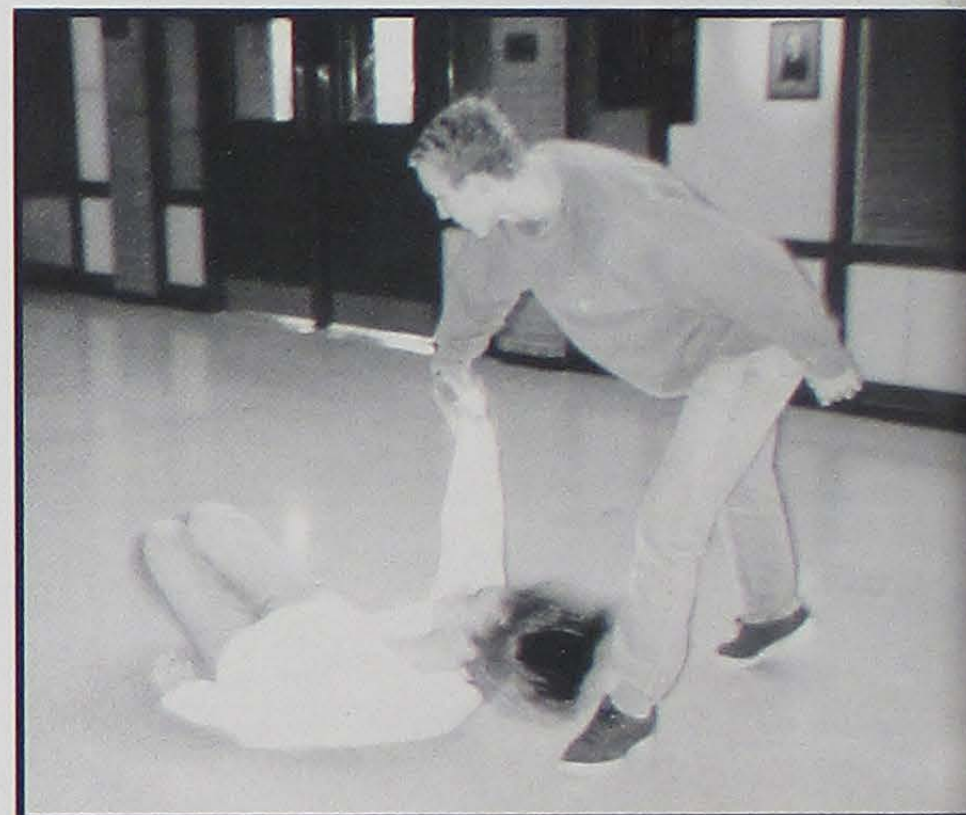
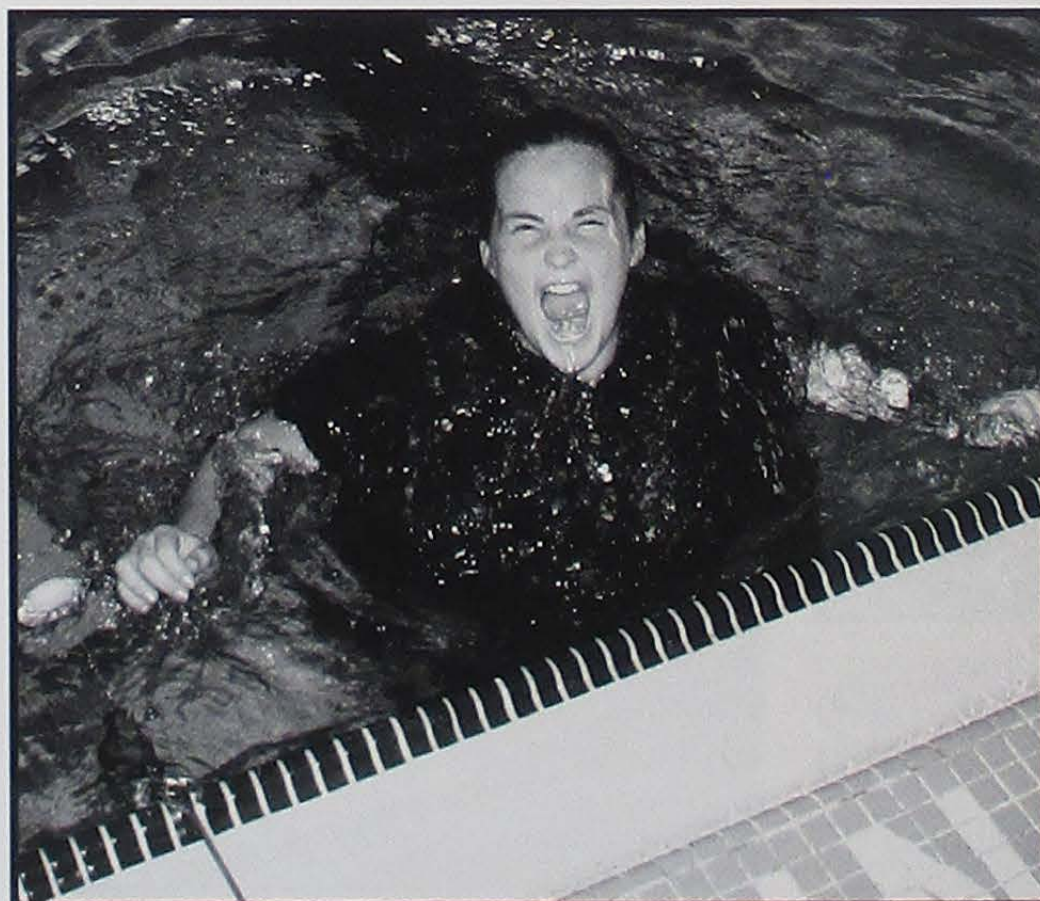
Although they still occasionally go to the Union with their friends, the Swing Club was created to allow more high school students to be able to dance "on a more regular basis."

Watts insists that the club is not exclusively for swingers. "It's not just swing dancing," she said. "It includes all types and forms of ballroom dancing. We just thought 'Swing Club' sounded a bit catchier."

With its handful of dedicated members, the club doesn't exclude those who aren't natural movers and shakers. "We have a variety of people: students, parents, and even some faculty," Kautzky said.

"We don't take ourselves too seriously," Watts said. "We just like to dance."

Senior **Shara Chapman** screams after being pushed into the pool during a girls' swim team practice. "It was really fun to be involved, as a manager," Chapman, who managed both the girls' and boys' swim teams, said. "There were a lot of interesting people, a lot of interesting experiences." (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Seniors **Adam Diesburg** and **Emily Watts** demonstrate their version of some classic ballroom dance moves during one of the Swing Club's first monthly meetings. (photos by Mandi Hardy)



After *Flowers for Algernon*, students were really looking into the next play's tryouts. Senior **Tom Popelka** and sophomores **Tippy Bender** and **Patricia Smith** paint one of the walls on the set, in great anticipation of the play. (photo by Stacey Chung)



"Harassment definitely needs to be addressed in our school," senior skit participant **Cherise Rollins** said. The skits were performed for freshmen. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Assitant director **Sean Sabo** prepares to win the students approval in the first tryout that he helped direct. A lot of thought went into selecting the stars of the upcoming play *Cheaper by the Dozen*. Senior **Katherine Harker** asks questions about the mood she is to portray in the scene

before she gives her preformance during try-outs. Katherine is an experienced alum of Ames High plays and is almost gauranteed a leading role. Katherine has always given an emotional yet comical performance in plays. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Junior **Adam Webb** swims the butterfly at the Boys' Swim Invite. "It's the most physically demanding of all the strokes," Webb said. "We are fortunate to have some of the younger guys

come up and give a shot at it. Considering the lack of experience as a team, we are having a really good season." (Photo by Mandi Hardy)



History teacher **Lori Stephenson** was among the many women of the school's staff to give birth this year. Her second child, daughter Abigail Victoria Stephenson, was born shortly before Winter Break. (photo courtesy of Lori Stephenson)



# December 6 -12

**Ames -**  
Boys' youth  
basketball  
tournament

**Ames -**  
Holiday Band  
Concert

**Nation -**  
Pearl Harbor  
Day

**Ames -**  
Boys' basket-  
ball vs.  
Marshalltown

**Marshalltown**  
Girls' basket-  
ball

**West Des  
Moines -**  
Boys' swim-  
ming &  
wrestling

**World -**  
Human Rights  
Day

**Ames -**  
Girls' basket-  
ball vs. Valley

**West Des  
Moines -**  
Boys' basket-  
ball

**Webster  
City -**  
JV Wrestling  
at Webster  
City Invite

**West Des  
Moines -**  
Wrestling at  
Valley Invite

## Strokin' the "J"

by Parsa Fattahi

What a way to start the season! Without a blemish on their record, the girls' varsity basketball team began their 1998-1999 campaign with a bang. Led by three sophomores, two seniors, and a deeply experienced bench, Coach **Bruce Vertanen's** squad was playing near perfect basketball.

"It's incredible to start 6-0 because last year we only won 5 games total," senior guard **Hannah Dobbs** said.

Well on their way to the best start in school history, the team had defeated very tough competition, including the likes of arch-rivals Ankeny and Valley.

"We beat Valley in Districts last year so we knew the rematch would be a big game," Dobbs said.

Team chemistry played a big part in their successful start. With the addition of only a single player to the existing starting line-up from the year before, everyone knew each other well and gelled instantly.

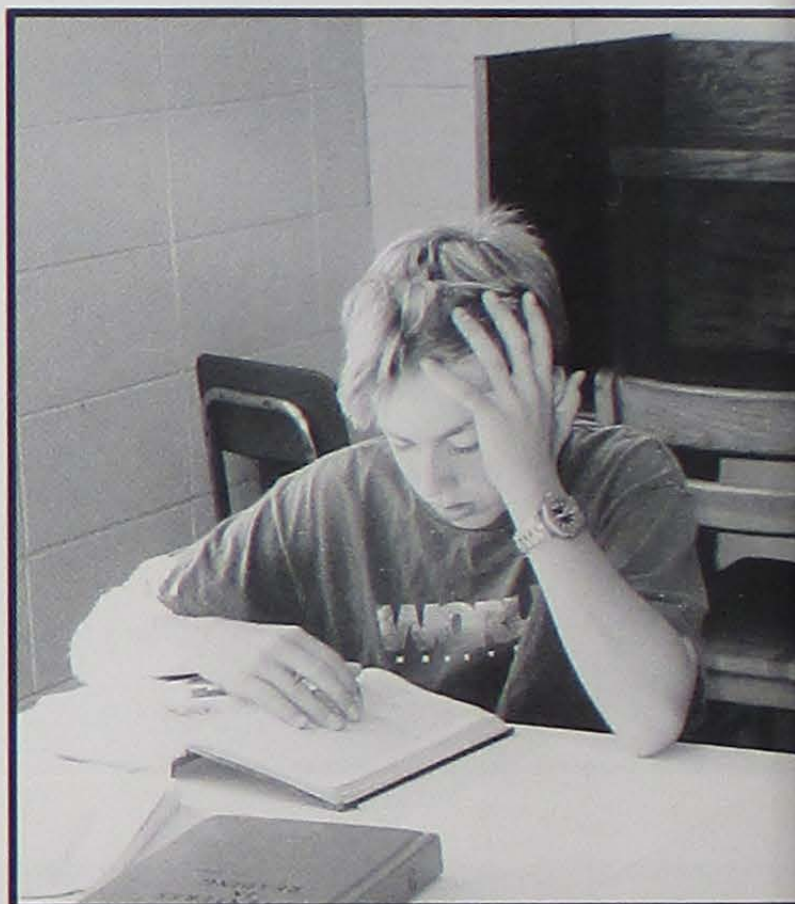
"Our seniors did a great job of leading by example," Vertanen said.

Whether it was leading or following, each and every player made a major contribution to the combined effort. The support from those who saw less playing time was another factor in the team's excellent start.

With grit and determination, the squad exemplified teamwork and a winning attitude.

"It's one way of leaving a positive legacy," Vertanen said.

Freshman **Charlie Litchfield** tries to stay awake in the math study center. Students often felt bored out of their minds and could be caught dozing off in required study halls when they didn't have anything to work on (photo by Stacey Chung)



Conductor **Homer Gartz** directs the band during the Holiday concert Monday night. The concert allowed the band to showcase their talents and skills, which they had worked on throughout the semester. (photo by Amy Chung)

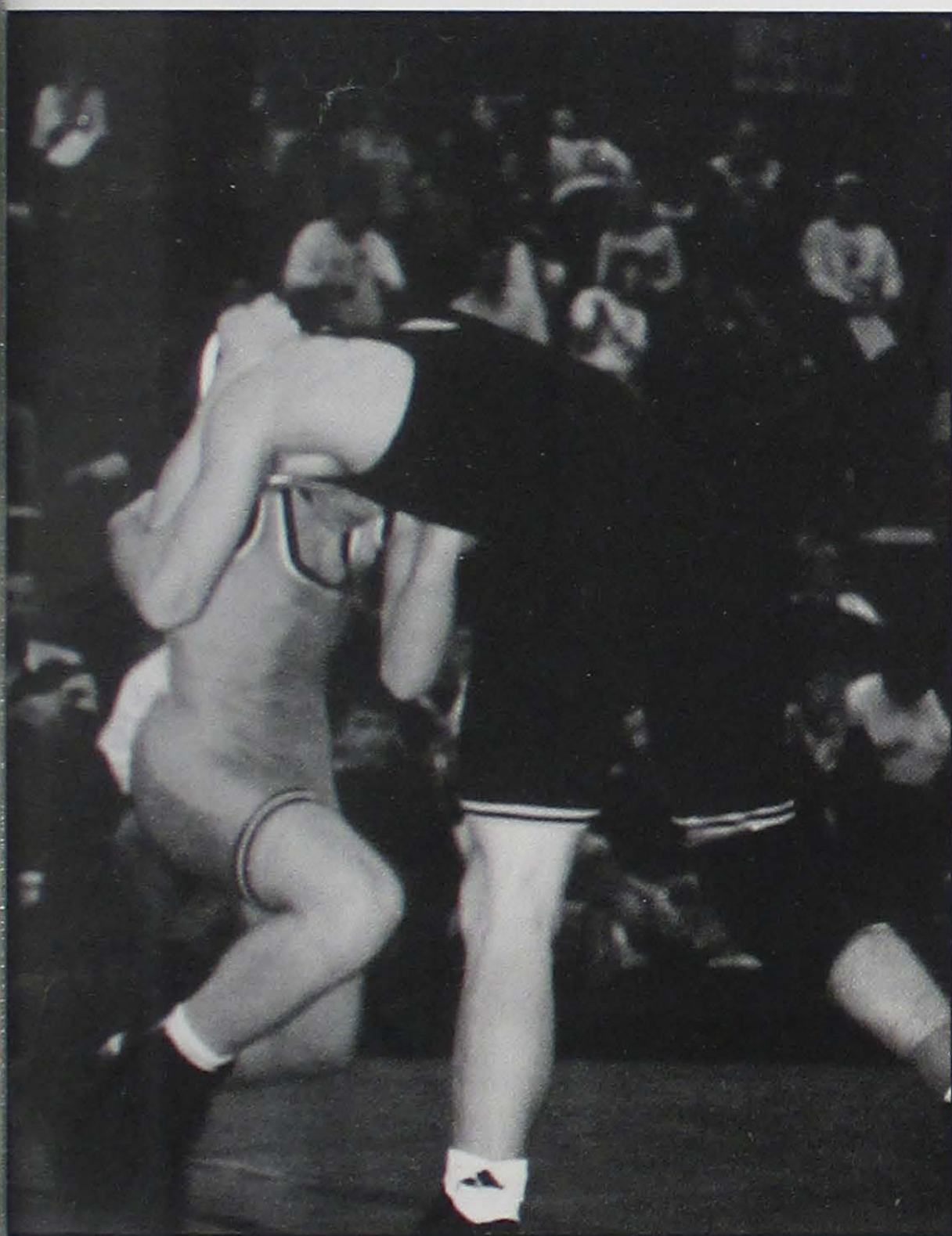


Spanish teacher **Jane Jurgensen** brings her son, Atticus Jonathan, named for the main character in the novel *To Kill A Mockingbird*, to the high school for his first visit where his father, math teacher **Mark Jurgensen** also works. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Students spent their Friday night cheering on the girls' basketball team against Valley. These games provided a place to get together and cut loose with friends. After-

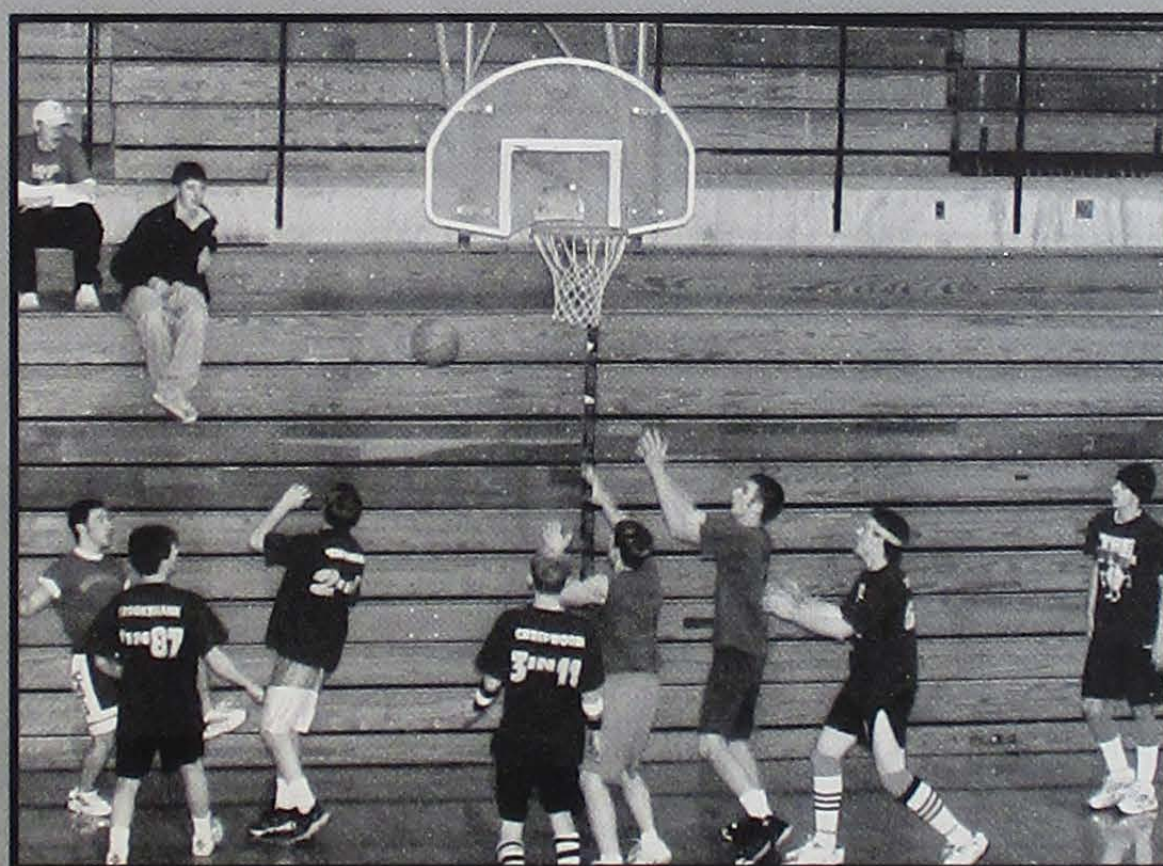
wards, the togetherness is often continued with school sponsored parties or smaller private parties given by students. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Junior **Brandon Winkey** had to forfeit 5 matches due to weight cuts. JV participated in the Webster City Invitational. It was a disappointing day after finishing 7th place out of 7 teams. Ames

had to forfeit 5 matches due to weight cuts. JV participated in the Webster City Invitational the same day as well. (photo by Sarah Rathert)

## Shooting It Up



This year's ten dollar I-Ball charge may have been considered a little steep, but regardless, every Wednesday night students gathered in the gym to rough it up in 30 minute games. "The games get a little rough," junior **Patrick Finn** said. "The more hard-

hitting the better, because my guns are the law." The hits, as well as the shirts, received attention. "The shirts are pretty cute," senior **Emily Duffelmeyer** said. "The secretly obscene shirts are kind of funny."



# December 13-19

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**Newton -**  
Boys' swim-  
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**Ames -**  
Boys' BB at  
Ft. Dodge

**Ft. Dodge -**  
Girls' BB

**Ft. Dodge -**  
Boys' swim-  
ming and  
wrestling at  
Ft. Dodge  
Invite

Members of the sophomore class pull with all of their might to defeat the juniors in the tug-of-war at the kick-off assembly. The sophomores wailed on the juniors and later went on to challenge the seniors only to be struck by a heartwrenching loss. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Molly McNertney**, tired from her giving during Winter Madness, dozes off to regain her strength during a lecture in Honors Chemistry. (Photo by Stacey Chung)



Give money? Junior **Meagan Harms** gives her share by buying a cookie to feed her hunger. Throughout the week, students were able to show their support for Winter Madness by participating in a variety of fundraising activities. A raffle tempted students, offering prizes like gift certificates

from Hickory Park, Sports Page and other businesses. Study hall buy-outs gave underclassmen a chance to escape educational hell. Penny wars and video games provided plenty of competition between students, and hot chocolate was sold to raise money. (photo by Amy Chung)



# Be Merry, Be Glad, Give Money, Go Mad

By Lindsay VanFleet, Amanda Hopper and Jen Oftedal

"Be merry, be glad, give money, go mad!" read the year's Winter Madness slogan. Posters advertising the week of celebration were put everywhere from hallways to bathroom stall doors.

The student response was overwhelming. By the end of the week, the collection totalled \$3000, which would be evenly distributed between four low-income families, sponsored by Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA). Student Council received wish lists from each of the families, and the larger the list, the better. The children of the families received the majority of the gifts.

Selecting gifts proved an exciting experience for student council members. "I ran throughout the store, going up to children and showing them all the presents I had gotten, and asked them what they thought. I think they thought I was a little strange!" student council co-president, senior **Mary Russell** said. The

sophomore class was a surprise win in the Penny Wars, which was also one of the most successful student fundraisers, along with Game Show night.

"The Winter Madness assembly is to make people more aware of what the money from the whole week goes toward," junior **Jill Larson** explained. "We try to make the week fun and exciting, and let the students participate with the class Olympics."

Along with getting the students excited for the week, the assembly explained how each day would have a specific dress-up theme and students would dress accordingly. From dress up as your favorite person in American History day, to wacky hat day, to green day, students showed their interest in Winter Madness.

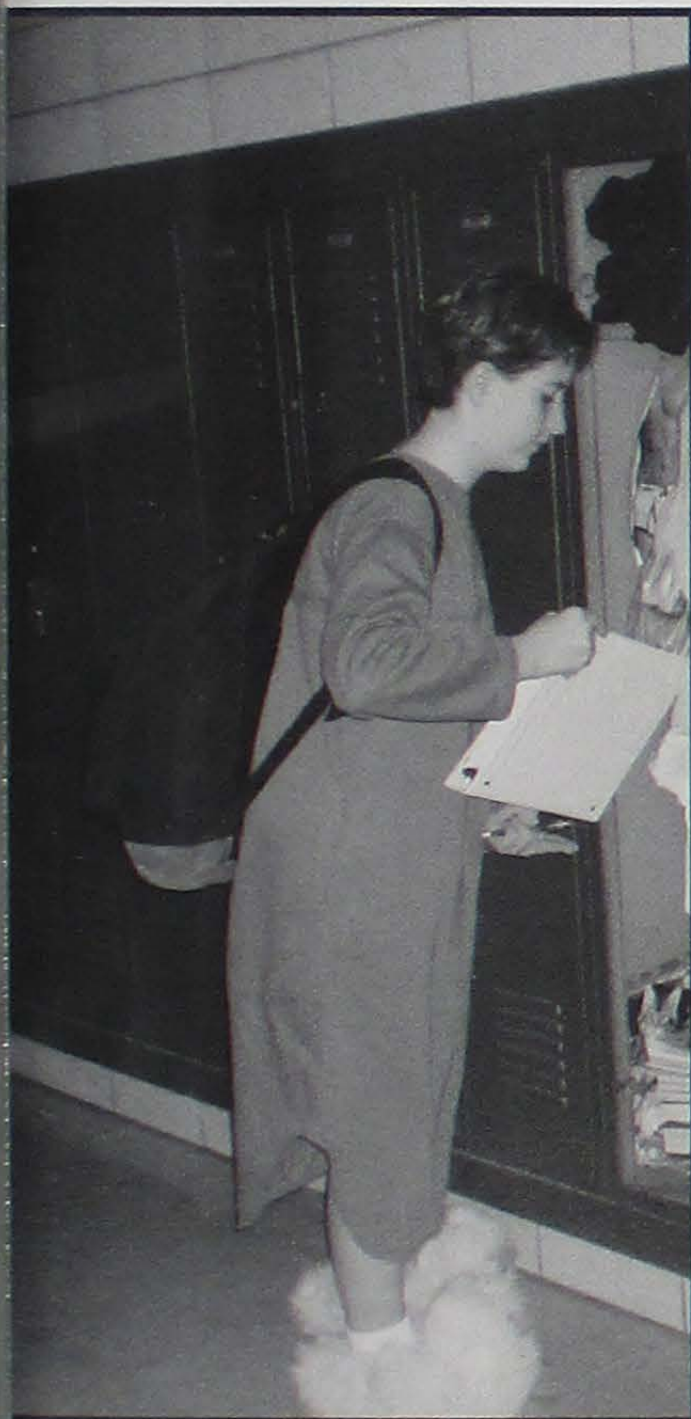
"I think it's good that there's a certain theme for each day, but I think there needs to be more motivation and support for the cause, from the student body as a whole," junior

**Michael Frieberg** said.

It was the sponsorship of the various Ames businesses that made the entire Winter Madness Week, including raffles, possible. One of the businesses, Hy-Vee, which employed high school students, decided to donate gift certificates for each of the four families for a scrumptious Christmas dinner. Many student council members were touched by the hospitality demonstrated by fellow students and faculty alike. "I was very pumped that people were being so generous, with everything else they already had to do for the holidays," sophomore **Sylvia Fanous** said.

Larson agreed that "It was really exciting that the student body put forth a lot of effort to make the whole thing a success, because it's such a stressful and busy time. That students take time out to give their money and help the needy in our community is really special."

Only snow was needed for perfection.



Go Mad? Gladly. Sophomore **Chelsea Fitch** showed her enthusiasm for Pajama Day on Wednesday during Winter Madness. (Photo by Stacey Chung)



Klink, Klink, Clang, Clang! The sounds of quarters could be heard throughout the corridors of Ames High as enthused students gathered around the video games in the lobby during Winter Madness. From Pac-Man, to racing games, to sports simulations, a variety of games provided a gaming fix for

hours of entertainment. Learning was forgotten as hand-eye coordination took precedence. The video games and winter decorations gave the front lobby an added flare, while raising money to be added with other donations to reach Winter Madness goals. (Photo by Stacey Chung)

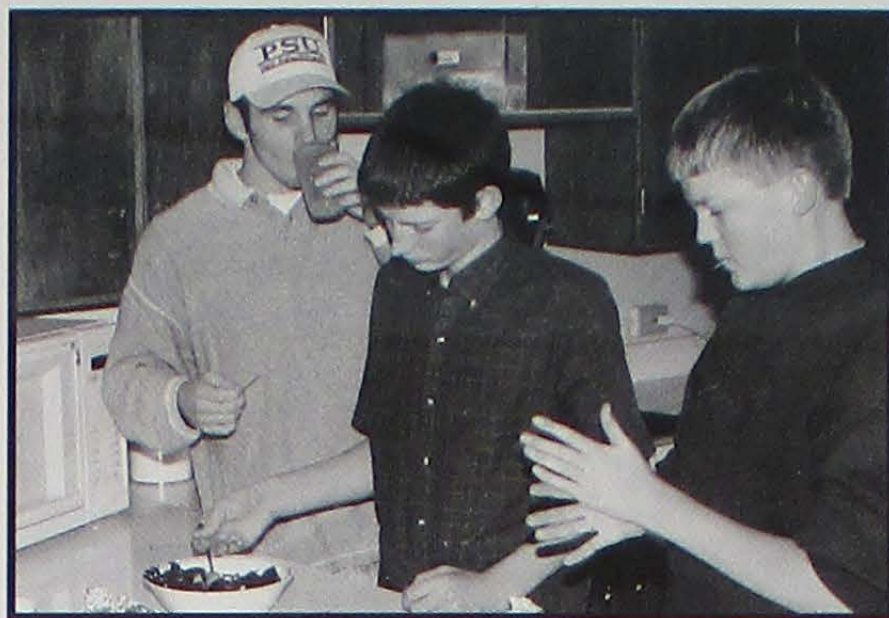


Senior **Jess Clyde** tries to forget the Winter Madness activities surrounding him as he attempts his latest Chemistry experiment. (Photo by Stacey Chung)



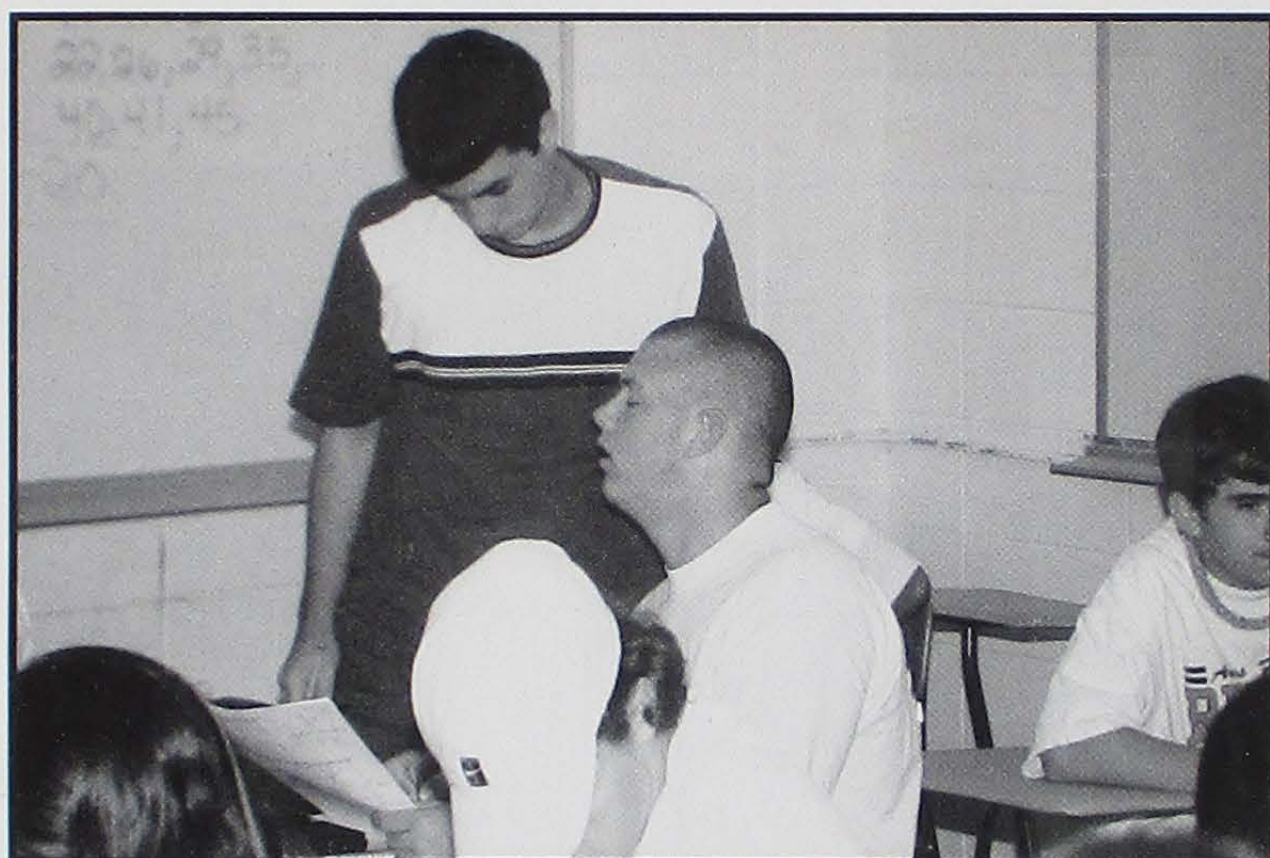
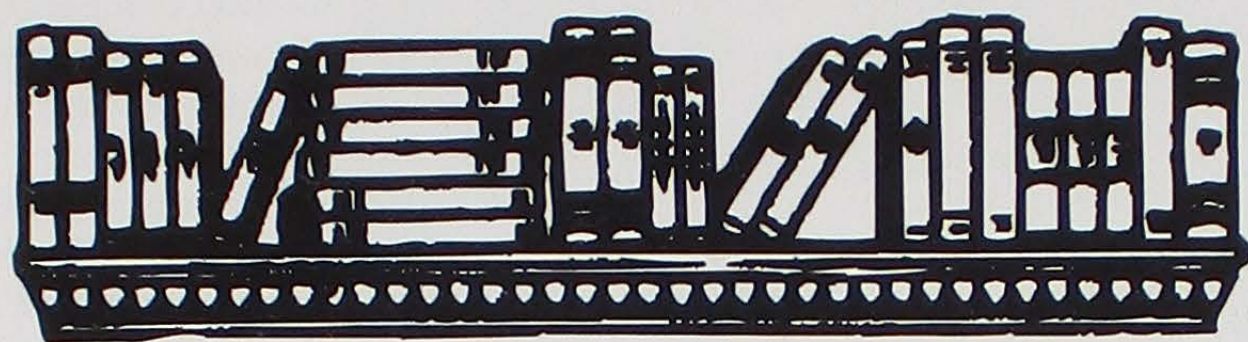
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Senior **Ryan Cline** and sophomores **Les Lepon** and **Matt Stolmeier** stir up some cookies in foods class. They were sold during WinterMadness with the proceeds going to Toys for Tots. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)



Seniors **Hannah Dobbs**, **Molly McNertney**, **Sarah Bappe** and sophomore **Lori Bennett** show

their excitement during a varsity basketball game. (photo by Stacy Chung)



Senior **Brigham Van Auken** asks senior **Seth Shepherd** a question on his math homework. (Photo by Houdy Khosravi)



The varsity members of the basketball team are shown new strategies during halftime. (Photo by Amy Chung)



Little Cyclone fans show their support for the boys' varsity teams as they get ready to start their game. Junior **Dan Burrow** started the varsity game

with the support of his teammates against the Fort Dodge Dodgers which proved to be a challenging match. (Photo by Amy Chung)



# A Magical Madrigal Night

by Sarah Rathert

The Madrigal Dinner gave the winter season a great start. The Madrigal queen and king, who were also homecoming queen and king, were **Emily Duffelmeyer** and **Luke Healy**. They hosted the dinner while their guests enjoyed all sorts of entertainment. The entertainers included a brass section, violinists, a storyteller, dancers and beggars. A magician and two jesters also made their first appearances. Sophomore **Jim VanFleet** and freshman **Les Schweikert** got to have the honor of being some of the youngest jesters in the history of Ames High Madrigal.

Madrigal took place at the St. John Episcopal Church on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights. The dinners usually lasted from around 6:30pm-9:30pm.

"It took a lot of practice and hard work, but it was a really good opportunity to get to know other

students that you otherwise wouldn't be able to," junior **Kirk Youngberg** said.

All in all, there were approximately 24 singers, and around 50 people total in the play. The singers also sang for the Ames High administration, the Ames Middle School, and a nursing home where they sang Christmas carols.

"It was marvelous! I had fun tripping over my dress every other second," junior **Kristin Neihof** said.

The singing and acting in the play weren't the only enjoyable things to see. The intricate wardrobe, made by a variety of mothers and various other establishments, was a huge addition to the play. Bright, flowing costumes seemed to give a special touch to the excitement and enlightened the whole play.

Once again, Madrigal was a success.



"Madrigal was a blast. I got to learn how to apply makeup," said senior **Jess Cohen**. Learning to apply makeup was a chore for most guys in the play. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

Homecoming queen and king seniors **Emily Duffelmeyer** and **Luke Healy** also act out their duties as the royal hosts for the Madrigal dinner. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Freshman **Les Schweikert** This was the first year the dinner dances a jig to the tunes of the Madrigal singers. Schweikert was one of the two jesters who performed in the Madrigal dinner. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Sophomore **Bradon Crase** bites into a piece of food stolen off the plate of one of the dinner guests. Beggars often popped up among the guests and cast adding a bit of humor to the dinner. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



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## UNDER THE MISTLETOE

By Erin Martin

As the room slowly started to fill with people and smoke wafted its way into the air, Mistletoe '98 began. It was the second year the dance was held in *The Zone*, and the accommodations were quite applicable. The \$4 cover charge or \$3 with a canned food item, wasn't too steep for the hormone struck students grinding on the dance floor. The small fee was charged to raise money for the Red Cross.

The smoke in the room didn't bother people too much because those in attendance seemed to be preoccupied. "I liked it a lot," senior **Jaime Soma** said. "It was the most fun I'd had all year."

The real action was on the dance floor. People bounced off the walls as they danced around the room. It seemed almost impossible to stay cool.

Fortunately the wintery weather kept the sweaty students chilled.

"It was cold outside, but inside it was a hell of a good time," junior **Kevin Schainker** said. "I thought it was cool because it brought everyone a little closer for one night."

The students at the party acted as they never had before. The holidays must have brought out the wild side of people. As the party began to wind down and the smoke began to clear, everyone took a good look around. What a night it had been. From 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. students let themselves go. For three and a half hours people didn't care what others thought about them and they acted as they truly wanted.

Sophomore **Matt Stolmeier** ponders which girl to go after next at Mistletoe '98. Mistletoe had a great turnout, with over 150 people showing up. The dance was filled with high hopes and high spirits. "I had so much fun," Stolmeier said. "It was a great way to end the last day of school before break." (photo by Amy Chung)

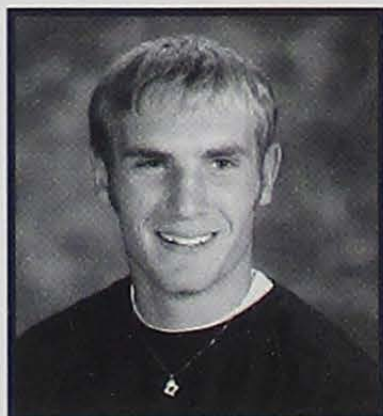


## HOW DID YOU REACT WHEN YOU FOUND OUT SANTA WASN'T REAL?



"On Christmas Eve, when I was 5, I heard crumpling noises downstairs and went down to see my mom wrapping presents. I cried for 3 days."

Senior **Megan Popelka**



"Santa is real! I don't care what the damn survey question is, he's real!"

Junior **Adam Crumpton**



"I stopped believing three times, but then I always ended up believing again. When my 4th grade teacher finally told me he wasn't real, I was crushed."

Sophomore **Jason Huls**



"I don't even remember what I did when I found out, but I was probably really sad."

Freshman **Haley Pick**



**Mr. and Mrs. Junck** welcomed twins Rachel and Taylor into their home on December 22nd. The chemistry teacher

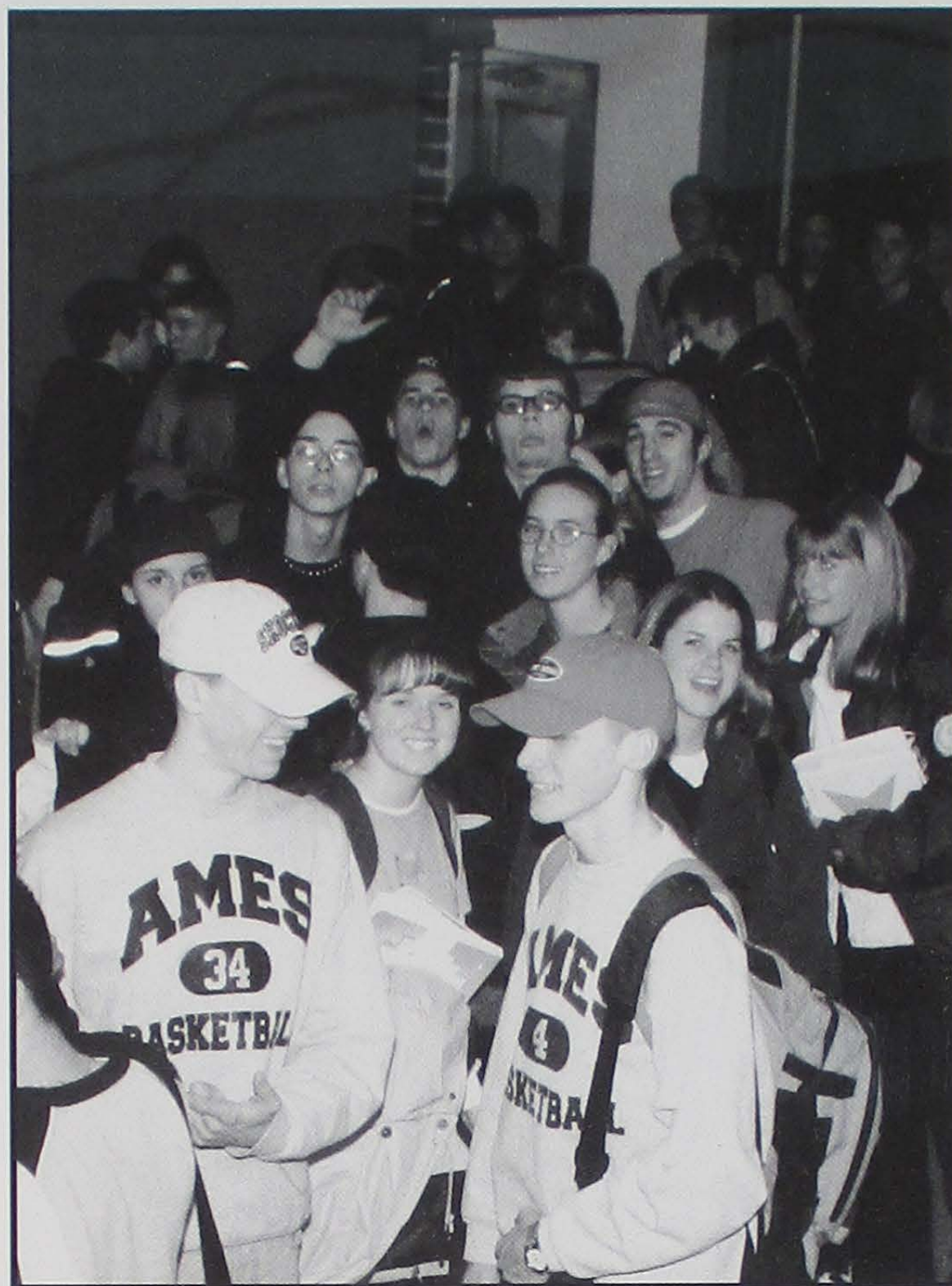
had many sleepless nights, but still managed to find time to correct papers. (photo courtesy Mr. Junck)



Senior **Julie VanSlyke** sold tickets for Winter Formal. The Senior Girls' Club was responsible for putting on Winter Formal. "It was a lot of fun picking decorations and

setting up the Union. It took a lot of time but the Mardi Gras theme was fun to do," Van Slyke said. (Photo by Stacey Chung)

Students gathered in the front lobby the last day before winter vacation. Everyone seemed anxious to get out of school and enjoy the two weeks ahead of them. "The thing I looked forward to most during winter break was spending quality time alone in my room," junior **Stephen Goldman** said. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Emily Duffelmeyer** works on her homework in the junior-senior room in preparation of finals. "If you are including the time I spent taking snack breaks, accidentally falling

asleep, and working on my French Presentation, I probably studied about 10 hours," Duffelmeyer said. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)



as the century and the millennium comes to an end the spirit staff in conjunction with jostens decided to include a special suppliment to this year's book. on the following pages you will find photos and stories of the century past. the greatest feats of man, and the best technological advances. the wars, and the celebrations. all presented in full color to help you remember the events of your lifetime and the rest of the century. enjoy.

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# Looking Back

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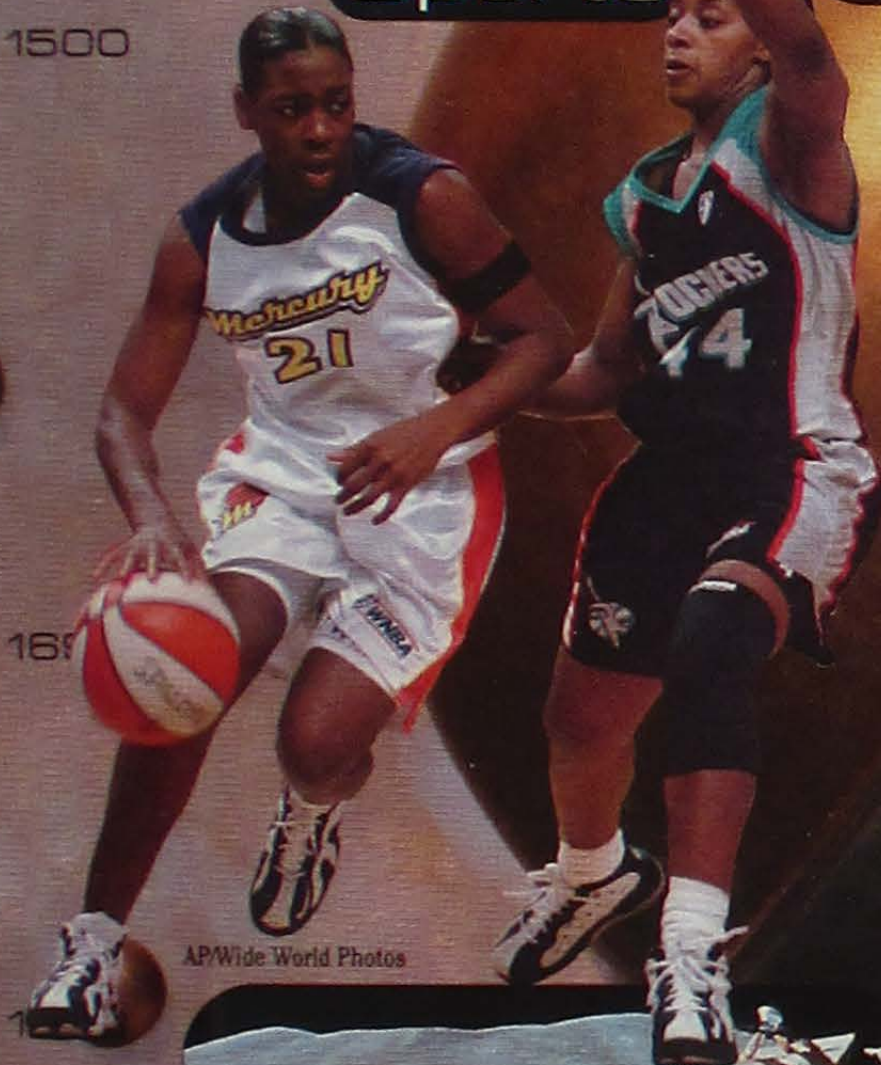
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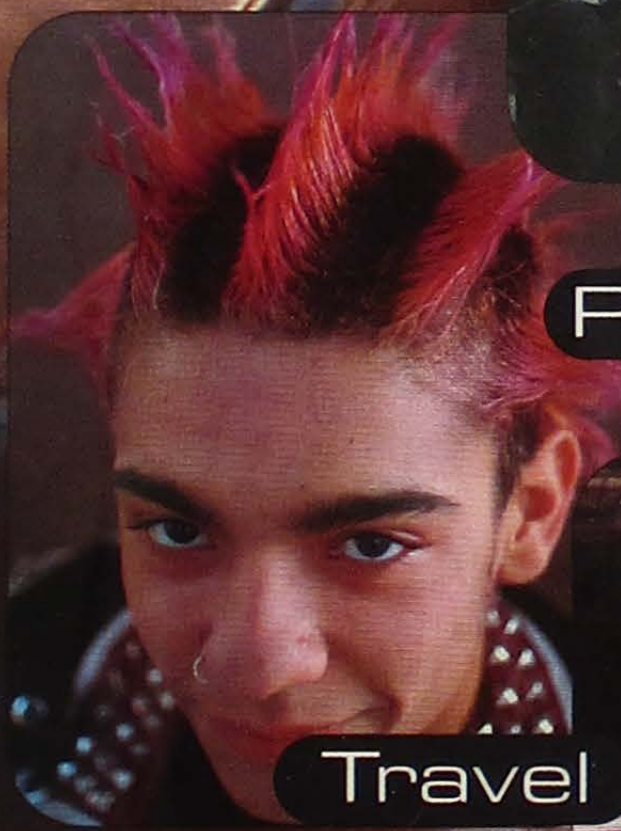
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# Lifestyle

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➔ In 1853, chef George Crum creates potato chips in New York after a customer keeps requesting thinner french-fried potatoes. The U.S., with over 700 varieties on the market, consumes the most potato chips worldwide.



◀ Slang of the 1800s includes coot, crazy as a loon, critter, bub and sis, bully for you, and bummer. Popular phrases today are da bomb, cool and phat.



1466

➔ Germans first bake birthday cakes to celebrate children's birthdays in 1200. The candles burn throughout the day to symbolize life. The tradition of birthday cakes continues with popular characters as part of the cake decoration.



1508



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◀ Before sweat glands are clearly understood in the 19th century, perfume is used to mask the odor of sweat. Introduced in 1888, Mum® is the first product to ward off underarm moisture and odor. In 1997, Americans spend \$1.48 billion on deodorant.

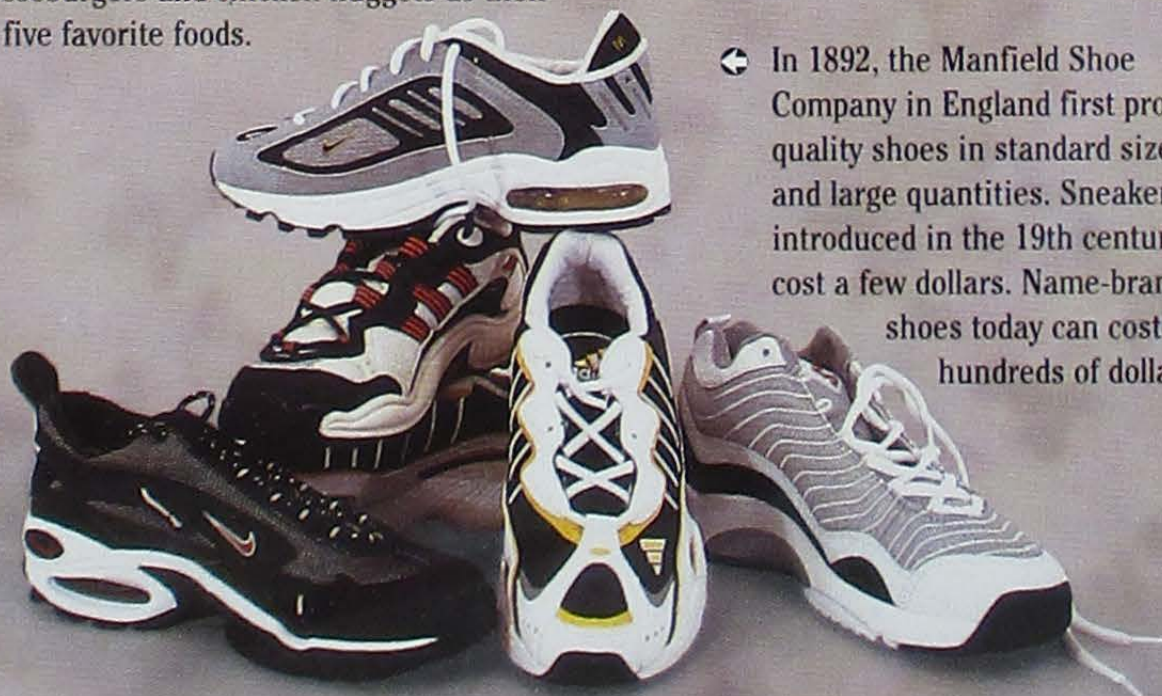


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➔ The average American's favorite meal in 1954 is a fruit cup, vegetable soup, steak and potatoes, peas, rolls and butter, and pie à la mode. Teens today rank pizza, french fries, pasta, hamburgers/cheeseburgers and chicken nuggets as their top five favorite foods.

1841

◀ In 1892, the Manfield Shoe Company in England first produces quality shoes in standard sizes and large quantities. Sneakers are introduced in the 19th century and cost a few dollars. Name-brand shoes today can cost hundreds of dollars.



1909

2000



FPG International

◀ Swing dancing, popular in the 1930s, makes a comeback in 1998.

◀ Nine percent of households own a TV in 1950. That number rises to 98 percent by 1995. On average, 98 percent of today's teens watch TV for 11.4 hours a week.



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# Lifestyle



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◀ In 1120, the first restaurant or "cook shop" opens in Kaifeng, the capital of the Northern Song dynasty. Today, McDonald's has more than 23,500 restaurants in 113 countries. Americans spend 46 percent of their food dollars away from home in 1996 compared to 25 percent in 1955.



◀ In 1850, Levi Strauss invents blue jeans in San Francisco. Originally made with canvas, denim replaces the material in the early 1860s. The average American now owns 7.03 pairs of jeans.



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◀ Conquistadors return to Spain in 1527 after finding the natives of New Spain eating algae, agave worms, winged ants, tadpoles, water flies, white worms, and insect larvae. Today, kids enjoy candy in the shape of critters.



▶ Guglielmo Marconi invents the radio in 1895 using a crude transmitter. Music makes history on TV when the Beatles appear on *The Ed Sullivan Show* in 1964. Music continues to make history on TV when MTV kicks off in 1981. Today, 68 percent of teens watch MTV 5.4 hours a week.



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◀ In 1570, Queen Elizabeth I receives a gift of gold toothpicks, which are used to clean teeth. Toothbrushes do the job today with hundreds of options of sizes, colors, shapes and bristles.

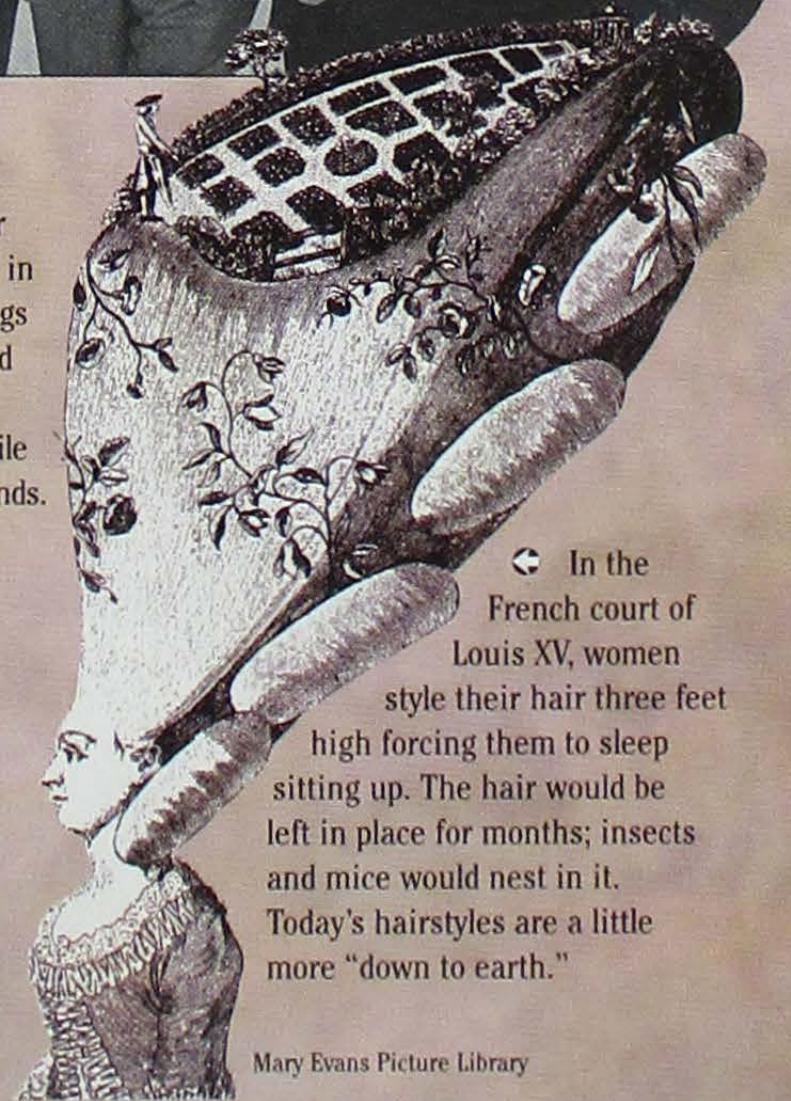


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◀ The commode becomes a popular addition to homes in 1700. Recent findings reveal women spend 80 seconds using a public restroom while men spend 45 seconds.



◀ According to legend, on May 8, 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Perberton produced the syrup for Coca-Cola in a three-legged brass pot in his backyard. Coca-Cola was first bottled in 1899 and is today's best-selling soft drink. Americans drink 127 million 8-ounce servings every day.



◀ In the French court of Louis XV, women style their hair three feet high forcing them to sleep sitting up. The hair would be left in place for months; insects and mice would nest in it. Today's hairstyles are a little more "down to earth."

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# Society

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◀ In the 1000s, engagements are arranged at age seven and marriage follows at age 12 for girls and 14 for boys. Today, the average age at marriage for women is 24.5 and 26.9 for men.

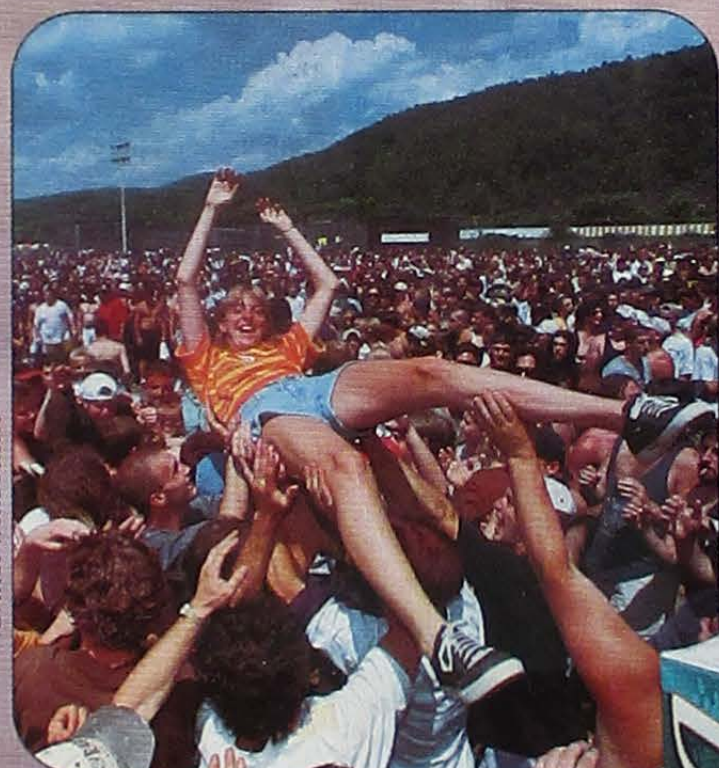


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▶ In 1374, the entire population of a European city goes into a pathological frenzy, dancing in the streets until too exhausted or injured to continue. Slam dancing and mosh pits are common manias at today's concerts.

1460



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▶ Average life expectancy in the 1000s is 30. In 1997, it rises to 79 for females and 73 for males.

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▶ In 1910, fewer than 50 percent of people complete grade school. In 1996, 81.7 percent of people complete high school.

1923



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▶ In the 1700s, both sexes wear powdered wigs, rouge and red lipstick. They also etch their whitened faces in blue to bring out the veins. Worldwide annual sales of cosmetics today exceed \$80 billion.

2000



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◀ The world population in 1600 totals 545 million compared to over 5.9 billion in 1998. The U.S. population in 1790 totals 3.9 million compared to over 270 million in 1998.



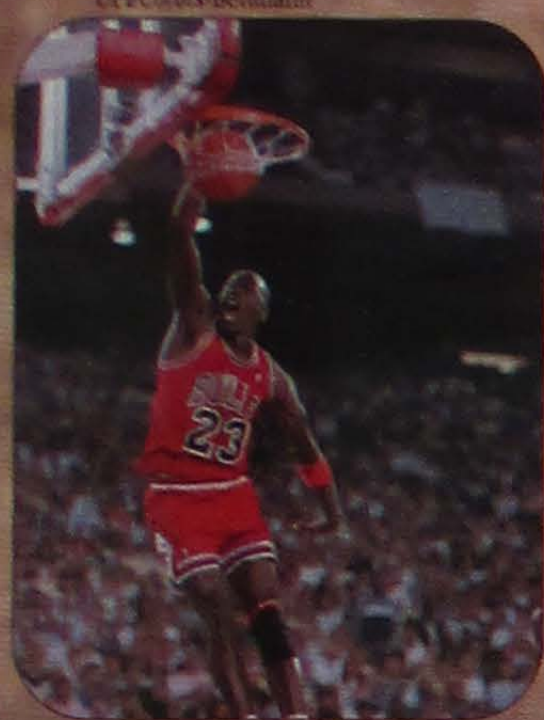
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▶ Parrots, canaries, monkeys and fluffy dogs are the preferred pets of the 1500s. Exotic pets of today include iguanas and tarantulas.

▶ In the 1800s, chaperones accompany girls on their dates. In later years, ice cream parlors become popular date hangouts. Today's hot spots are shopping malls.

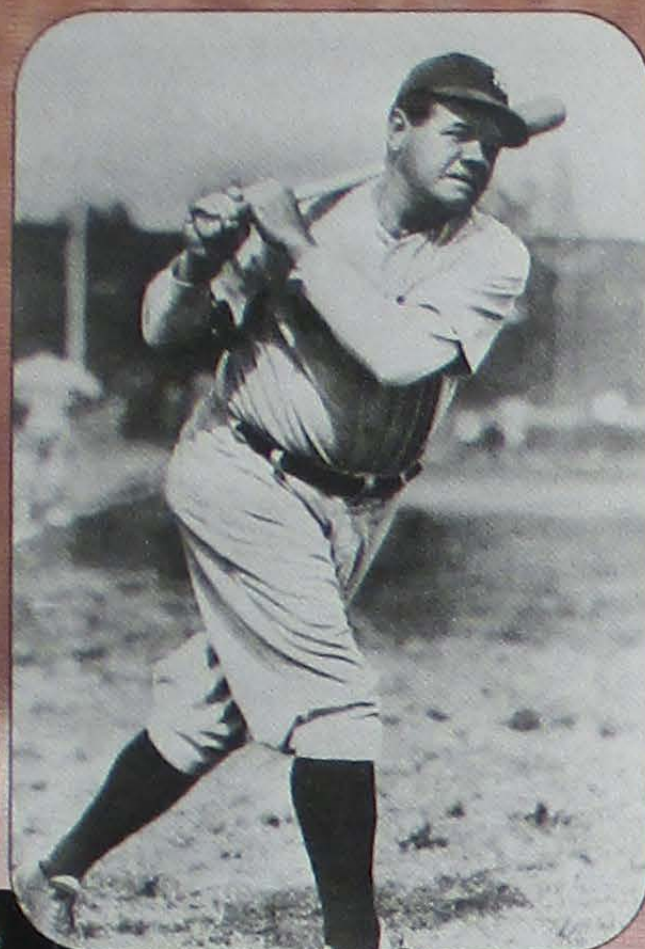


# Sports Entertainment



James Naismith invents basketball in 1891 using a soccer ball and two peach baskets. Basketball is now America's most popular sport.

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In 1920, the New York Yankees pay George "Babe" Ruth \$125,000. In 1997, 21-year-old Kevin Garnett signs a seven-year contract worth \$126 million with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

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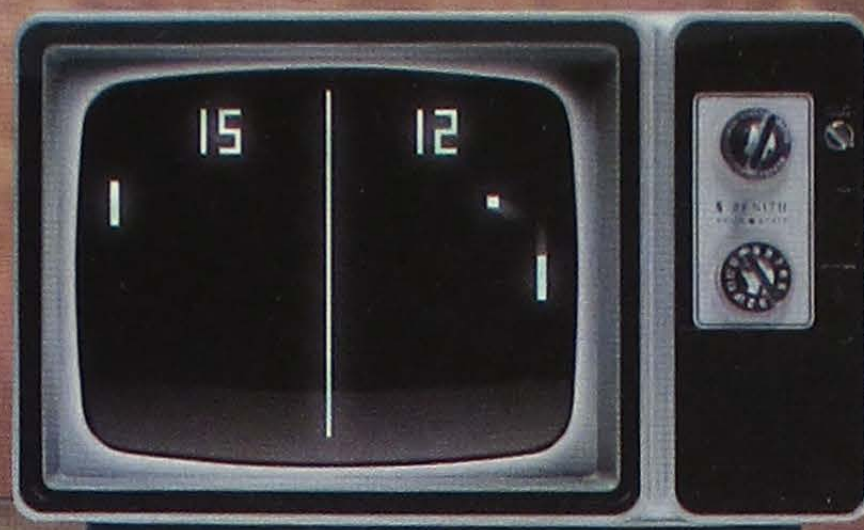
The first roller coaster, built in 1892 at Cedar Point® in Sandusky, Ohio, stands 25 feet high and travels 10 miles per hour. The Riddler's Revenge™ at Six Flags Magic Mountain™ is the tallest and fastest stand-up roller coaster, standing 156 feet and hitting a top speed of 65 miles per hour with a maximum of 4.2 gravity forces.



Court jesters first appear in 1202. Modern jesters come in the form of comedians, such as Jerry Seinfeld whose TV show, *Seinfeld*, ends its nine-year run in 1998.

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Atari introduces Pong®, the first commercial video game, in 1972. Today's home video game systems include Sony PlayStation®, Sega Saturn® and Nintendo 64®. About 63 percent of teens play video games an average of 3.9 hours a week.

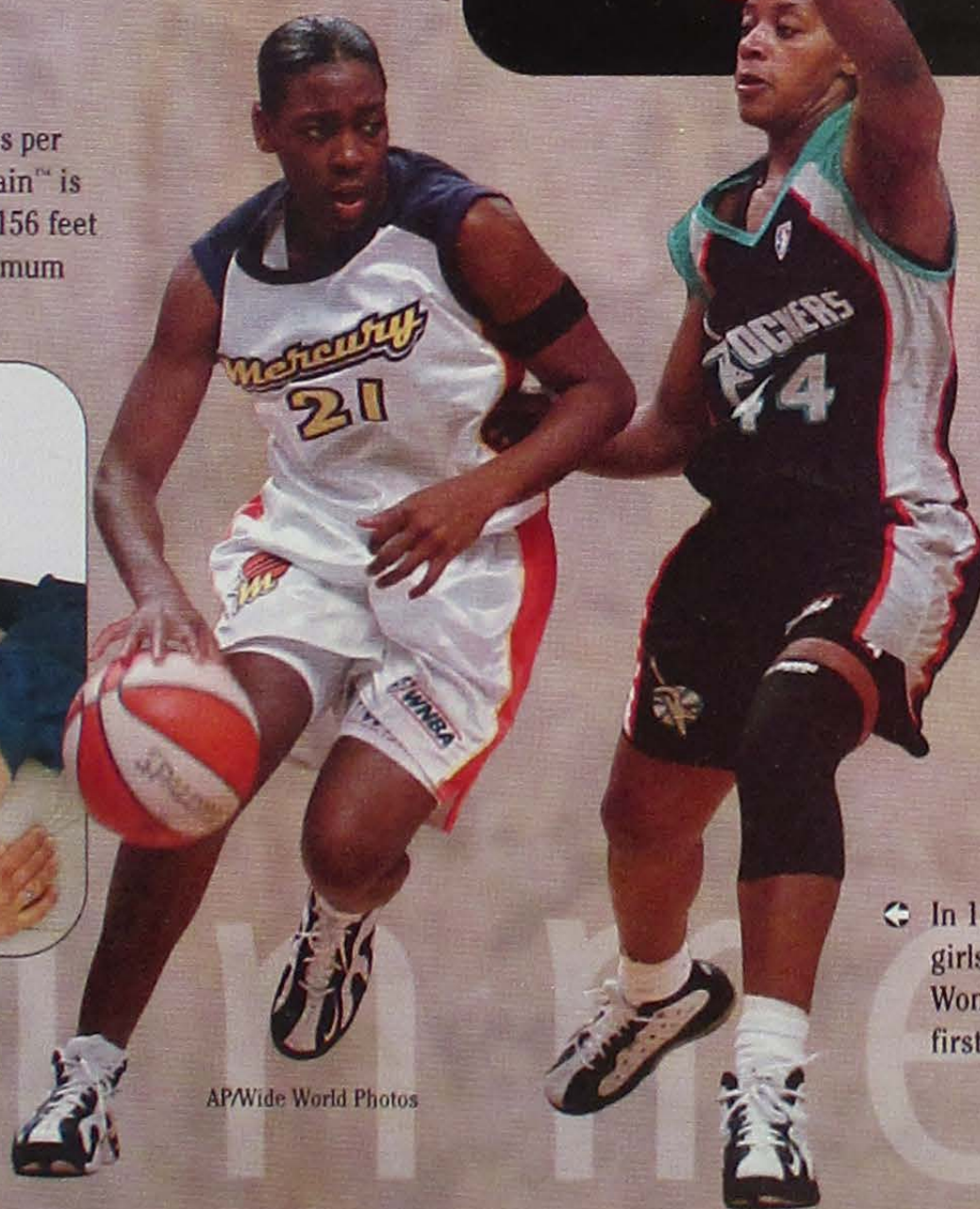


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In 1903, *The Passion Play* at 30 minutes is the longest movie produced at this time, with average films running three or four minutes. The 1997 movie *Titanic* runs about three-and-a-half hours.

Joseph Merlin develops the first practical pair of roller skates in 1759. Scott Olson invents the modern version of in-line skates in 1979. Today, 41 percent of teens own in-line skates.



In 1978, a federal judge rules that high school girls may participate on teams with boys. Women take further strides in sports with the first WNBA game on June 21, 1997.



Anne-Marie Weber/TPG



# Science Travel

1121



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Recycling is a priority today, but around 1200 to 1400, people would hurl garbage and slop out their windows into alleys that swarmed with rats, flies and pigs.



The National Archives/Corbis

When a royal Japanese family stains their teeth black in 1233, it quickly becomes a sign of beauty. White teeth are a sign of beauty today, with Americans spending \$100 million a year on over-the-counter tooth-whitening products.



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Oriental spices are used to disguise the bad taste of spoiled meat in 1499. Meat sold in the U.S. today must pass USDA standards.

1418



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The Black Death sweeps Western Europe from 1347-51 and kills over 25 million people (one in four). Today, 22.6 million people live with AIDS, which is identified in 1981.

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1832

Scottish blacksmith Kirkpatrick Macmillan creates the first bicycle, then called a velocipede, in 1839. Bicycling is a competitive sport around the world today with some bikes costing several thousand dollars.



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In 1783, it takes Thomas Jefferson five days to travel 90 miles using public transportation. Today, the Concorde airplane travels at 1,336 miles per hour and crosses the Atlantic Ocean in under three hours.

2000



# Science Travel



German Karl Benz invents the automobile in 1885, and Henry Ford begins mass production of the Model T in 1908 with over 15 million sold in the U.S. by 1930. Over 8 million cars are sold in the U.S. in 1996.

Not until the year 1000 did Indian mathematician Sridhara recognize the importance of zero. Since we began counting the years with one, rather than zero, the new millennium officially starts in 2001, not 2000. Excitement is building for New Year's Eve 1999, but so is the fear that computers may recognize the year 2000 as 1900.

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George Eastman invents the hand-held camera in 1888. Kodak introduces the Brownie box camera in 1900 and disposable all-weather and panoramic cameras in 1989. In 1998, Kodak and Intel introduce an all-in-one, auto-loading CD-ROM that stores, enhances, shares and prints photos on a personal computer.



Christopher Columbus lands in the Bahamas on October 12, 1492. Neil Armstrong walks on the moon on July 20, 1969. In 1998, NASA begins construction of the International Space Station, the most complex technological project in human history.

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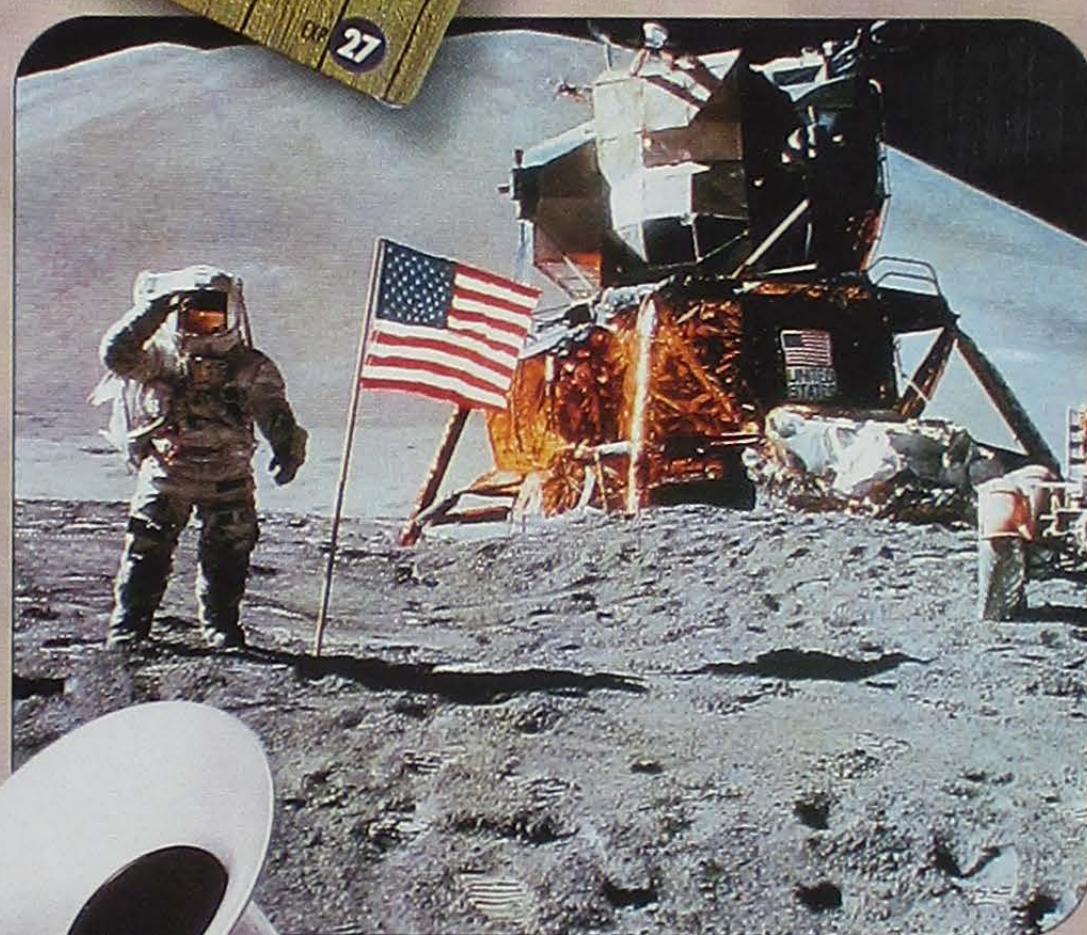
Doctors in the 1000s use an astrological chart to determine a patient's treatment. Medicine is ingested only when the moon is in a favorable position. Many people today carry on the astrological tradition through horoscopes.

Yellowstone National Park, the first park in the National Park System, is established on March 1, 1872, and covers 2.2 million acres. The National Park System now covers 83 million acres.



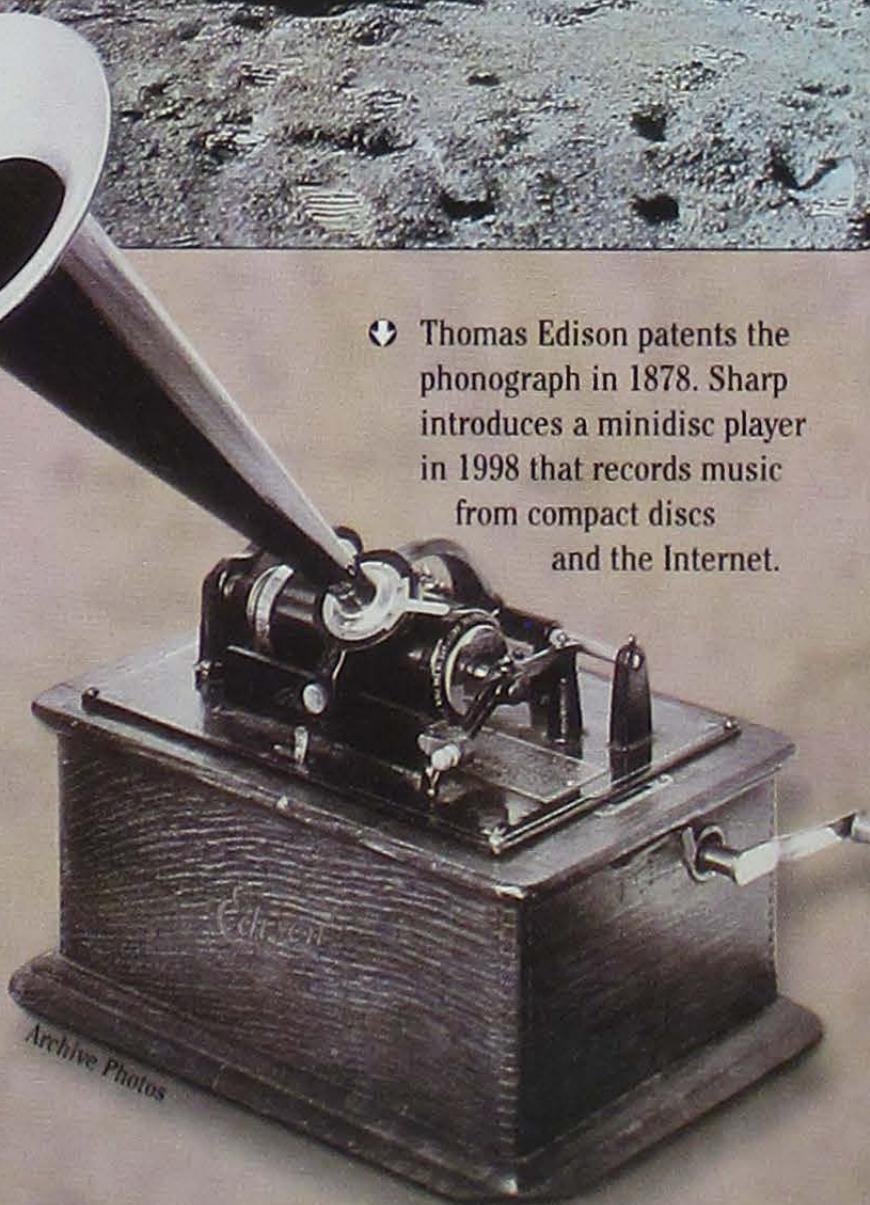
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Surgery in the 1800s is performed on blindfolded patients under no anesthesia by surgeons who wipe instruments clean. Many people now elect to have cosmetic surgery. In 1997, 37 percent of cosmetic surgery patients undergo multiple procedures.



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Thomas Edison patents the phonograph in 1878. Sharp introduces a minidisc player in 1998 that records music from compact discs and the Internet.



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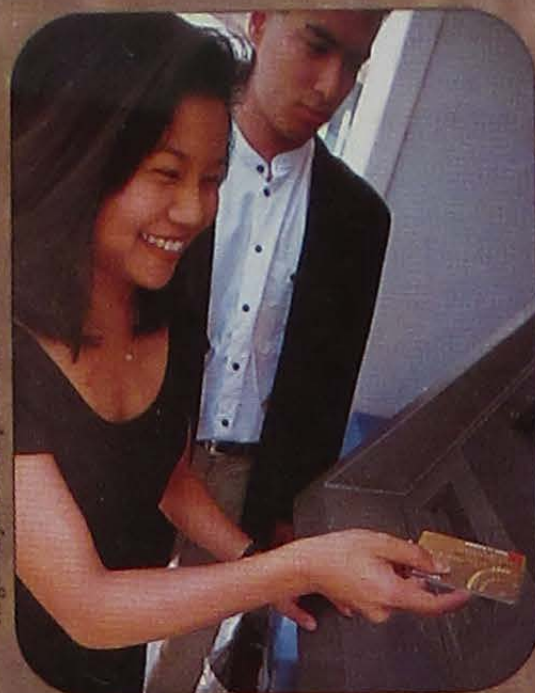


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# Personal Freedom

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Issued in 1950, The Diner's Club is the first general purpose credit card. By 1996, there are over 119 million credit card holders and about 1,390,000 ATM terminals in the U.S.

1376

The Factory Act of 1833 states children under age nine may not work in the textile industry, ages 9-13 may work nine hours per day, and ages 13-18 may work 12 hours per day. Today's 10th to 12th grader works an average of 19 hours a week.

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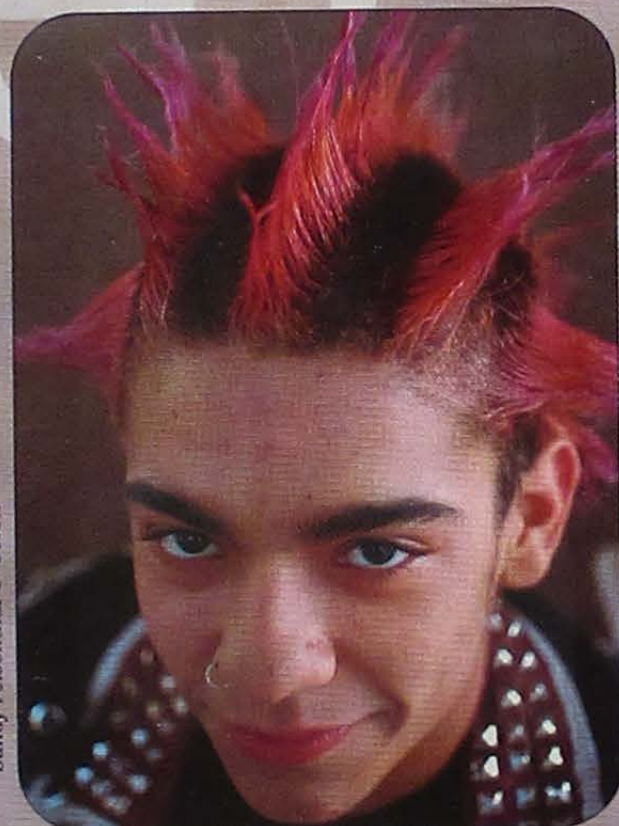
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The earliest African slave arrives in the U.S. in 1509, followed by 10-15 million Africans in the largest forced migration in history. People from around the world now come willingly, with almost one million immigrants entering the U.S. in 1996 alone.

1500

Sandy Felsenthal/Corbis



Julius Caesar creates a calendar with April 1 as the first day of the year. In 1582, a new calendar is devised with January 1 as New Year's Day. Those who continue to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1 are considered fools, hence April Fool's Day.

Colour Australia



1697

In 1675, Massachusetts law prohibits men from wearing long hair. Russia taxes men with beards in 1698. Hairstyle is a personal choice today.

1753

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Women first gain the right to vote in New Zealand in 1893, with American women gaining the right in 1920. The voting-age population of the U.S. today is over 193 million.

1899



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A 1721 Connecticut law states people may not leave home on Sunday except for church or an emergency. Many stores are now open 24 hours, 7 days a week.



In the 1400s, books are symbols of prestige and are considered treasures due to small print runs. People trade vineyards and herds of cattle for one book. Today, the average teenager spends four hours a week reading for fun.

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2000



the spirit staff chose this position for the millennium review since it concides with the beginning of the new year in the yearbook, we thought that the beginning of 1999 would be a good place to look back and reflect on the century which has passed.

**...NOW BACK TO OUR REGULARLY  
SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING**



# Dec. 27 - Jan. 2

Ames -  
Winter Break

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Ames -  
Winter Break

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Ames -  
Winter Break

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## A Celebration With No Boundaries

by Andrew Brodie

Some filled their glasses and awaited a midnight toast. Others, with or without a round of cheers, had only one goal in mind: Party, party, party. And still others chose a more laid-back approach to the celebration, such as getting together with friends to play games or watch movies.

The methods were varied, but the purpose was one: Ring in the New Year. And from parties to family trips, that's exactly what students did.

"I went bowling with some friends," junior **Justin Brodie** said. "It was alright, except for the guy on the microphone screwed-up the countdown. He was like, '10 ... 9 ... 8 ... 6 ... Uh, oops ... Sorry about that ... Umm, Happy New Year!' It was a little weird."

While many students stayed close to home, others found their New Year's fun further away.

Junior **Meagan Harms** went with

her family and a friend to New York over break and was able to partake in the Times Square festivities.

"I bought a Tigger doll and I had fun

visiting different places in New York with my friends and family," Harms said. "I bought Winnie-the-Pooh stuff for all of my little girlfriends, too."

Another student added culture to his New Year's experience by making it an international affair.

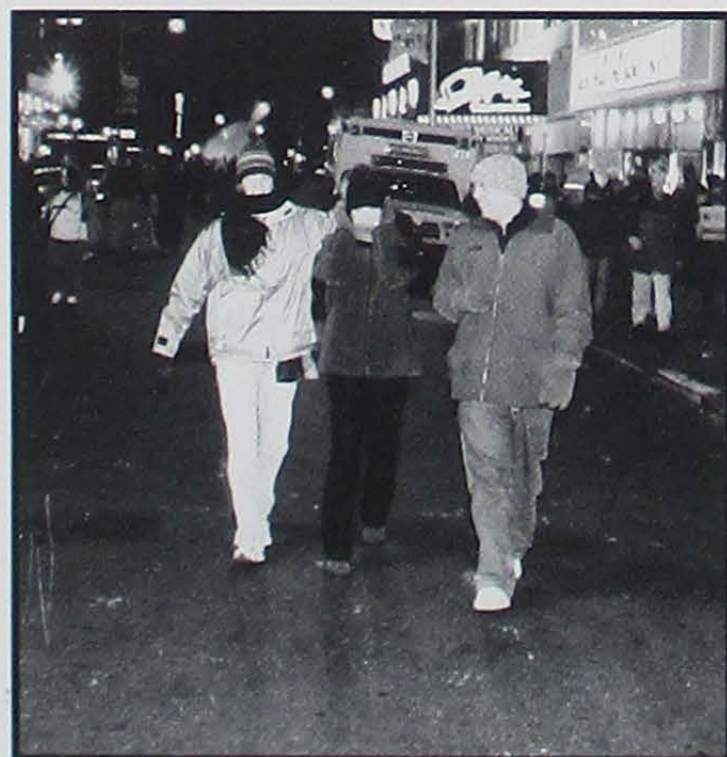
"For New Year's, I spent the evening with my relatives in Peru," senior **Dan Fernandez-Baca** said. "There, everyone is supposed to eat 12 grapes for each chime of the clock, for good luck."

From good movies to good friends to good luck, the end result was consistent: good times.

And no matter what the method of observance, or where the festivities, New Year's '99 was about letting go—about enjoying life. And as students revealed, there were no limits to their celebrations.



Senior **Shawne Kingsbury** and junior **Meagan Harms**, show off their big city smiles while on the NYC subway during their winter break trip. (Photo courtesy of Meagan Harms)



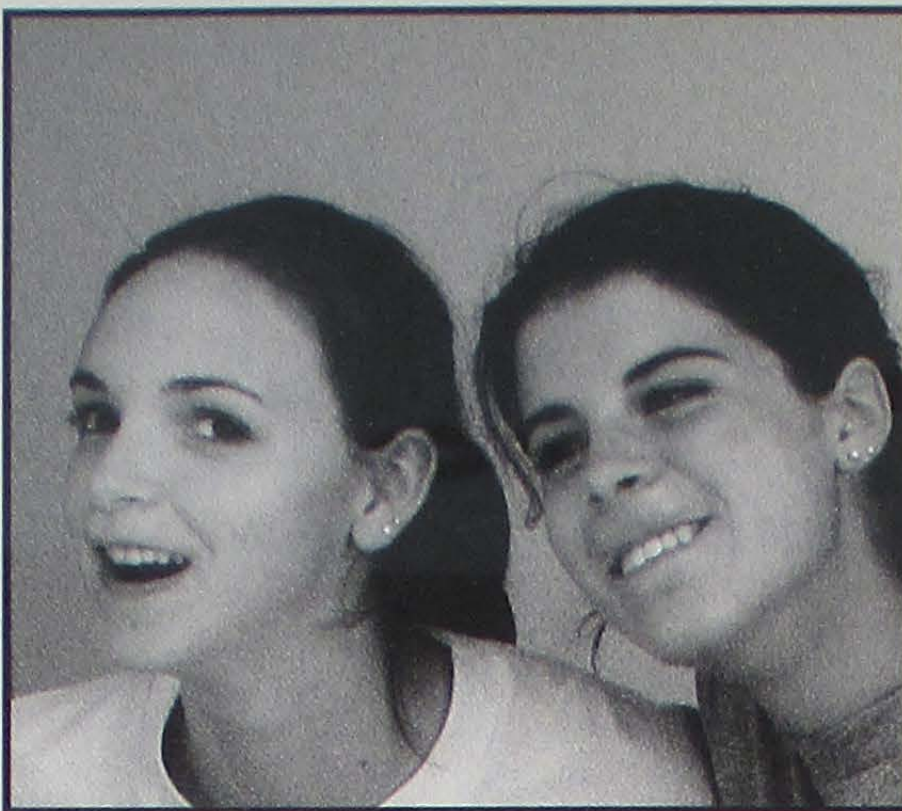
Junior **Meagan Harms**, senior **Shawne Kingsbury** and Harms' brother, **Bronk Harms**, take in some of the sights of New York by walking the city streets. What they found was a mix of bright lights, big buildings and people everywhere. (Photo courtesy of Meagan Harms)

Shall we dance? Sure, but wait a second ... there's nothing here but an empty room. That's where the Senior Girls' Club came into play. Group members are responsible each year for bringing Winter Formal to life with decorations. This year was no exception, but some of the girls took a break from their decorative duties for dinner. (Photo by Stacey Chung)





Senior **Andi Thatcher** watches intently as her chemistry partner, senior **Missy Ridnour**, delicately adds to a solution the two were working on. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)



Seniors **Jessica Wray** and **Heidi McElroy** spend their New Year's surrounded with plenty of food and drinks. "I love being goofy!" Wray said. (photo by Stacey Chung)



During the one-and-a-half week Winter Break, many students threw New Year's themed parties. Seniors **Andrea Martin** and **Hannah Keeling**, ring in 1999 with a song, singing a duet at the top of their lungs. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



The perfect way to spend an evening. Sophomore **Erica Lynn** and juniors **Justus Hallam** and **Andy Kohler** play in the snow, enjoying the first big snow-

storm of the year. Hot chocolate and marshmallows were on call for a quick warm up after the cold took its toll. (photo courtesy of Katie Naeve)



Senior **Erin Gallagher** enjoys the first drink of the new 1999 year. To celebrate the coming of the new year many students gathered, ate, and drank the night away. You could say they "partied like it was 1999!" (courtesy of Mandi Hardy)



# January 3 - 9

**Ames** -  
Girls' Youth  
Basketball  
Tournament

**Ames** -  
Winter Break

**Ames** -  
Winter Formal

**Ames** -  
Snow Day

**Ames** -  
Classes  
resume

**Ankeny** -  
Boys' swim-  
ming at  
Ankeny

**Ames** -  
Boys' swim-  
ming vs. Ft.  
Dodge

**Ft. Dodge** -  
Wrestling

**Urbandale** -  
Girls' basket-  
ball

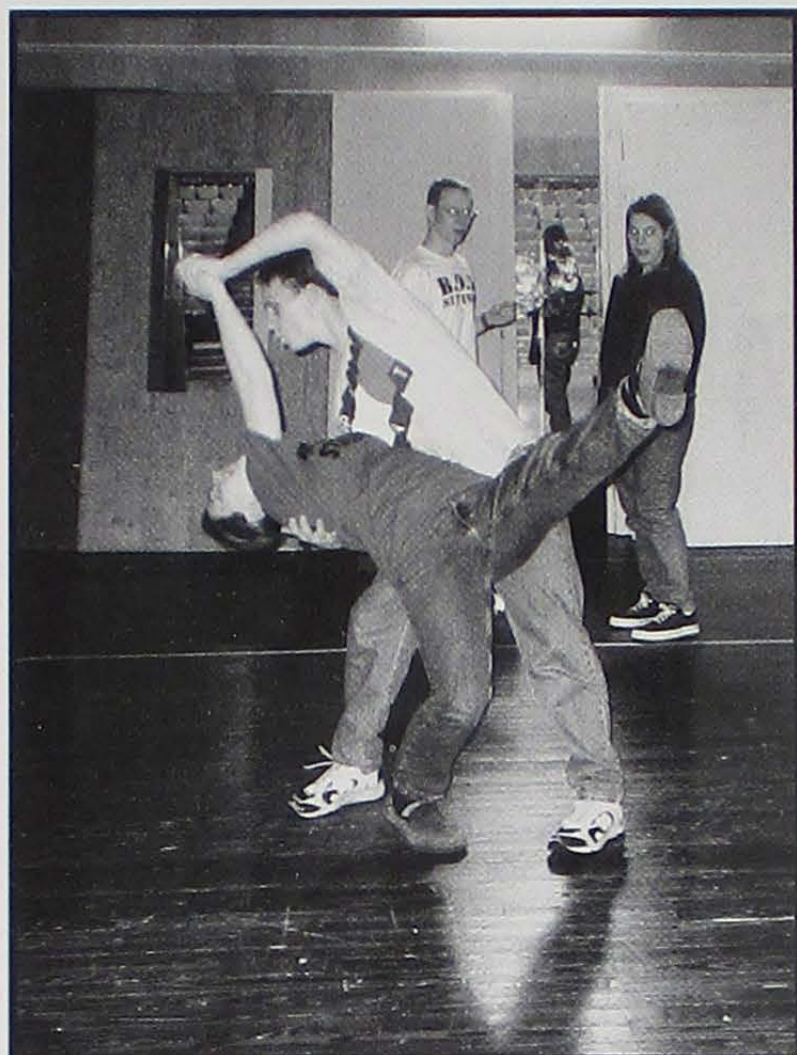
**Urbandale** -  
Boys' basket-  
ball

**Ames** -  
Girls' BB

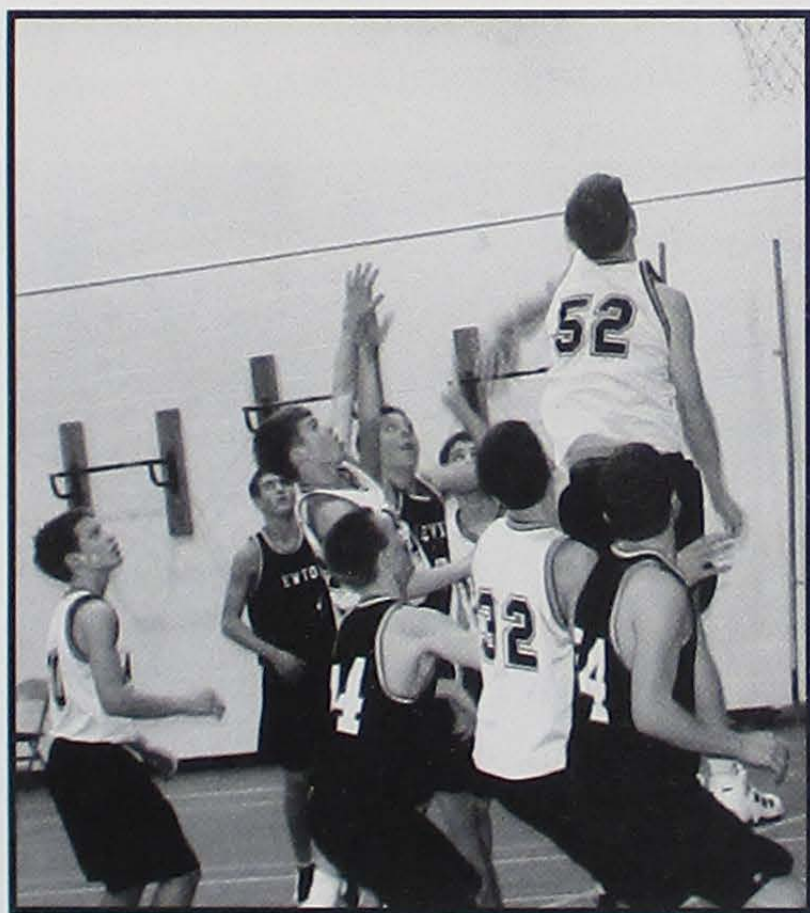
**Mason City**  
Boys' BB

**Waterloo** -  
Wrestling at  
Waterloo  
West Invite

Senior **Luke Healy** dips senior **Sarah Kitchell** with style. The duo practiced for two hours in order to perfect their moves to please their choreographer, senior **Brenna Dougan**. They exhibited their dance skills at the Terpsichore performance to the song "Come a Little Bit Closer." (photo by Amy Chung)



Math teacher **Troy Hill** sits with his wife, April, their daughter Elise, and son Luke, who was born on January 8th. Hill, in his third year at Ames High, took videotape of the baby's first day home and showed it to some of his classes. (photo courtesy of Troy Hill)



Freshmen boys' basketball players prepare to rebound a shot put up by their opponents. The team is off to a great start this year. "Our record is 7-3, so we're playing well and getting better every day," freshman **Jeff Block** said. "We have high hopes for the rest of the season." (photo by Lydia Van Horn)

## Who's The Man?

200 girls were asked who they would like to dance with at Winter Formal, if given the chance. They responded with these three out various men, but scored the rest.



**Justin Knapp**, senior



**Tim Hibbing**, junior



**Ryan Cline**, senior



# SHORT, BUT SWEET

by Nicole Olson

Winter Formal on a school night? No joke. Due to an untimely snow storm that hit Friday night Ames was left covered in a thick layer of white snow. All hopes of teens partying way past curfew Saturday night fell through.

"If the dance had been on Saturday night there would have been more parties to go to, but since it got changed we had nothing to do," sophomore **Nicole Brownfield** said.

The Winter Formal dance, originally scheduled for January 2nd was postponed to January 3rd, a Sunday night. To top it all off the party was changed from 8-12 a.m. to 7-11p.m. This postponement left everyone a little bit disappointed, competing for dinner reservations and hair appointments, and getting stuck with tuxes that might have gone to waste.

"I had already gotten my hair done Saturday morning only to find out that the dance had been cancelled," junior **Danielle Cain** said. "I looked really nice for my nap that day, but it didn't last long enough for the dance."

"I didn't really care as long as I didn't have to rent my tux again," freshman **John Muehe** said.

"I probably couldn't have gone on Saturday because my street wasn't plowed, so it worked out for me," junior **Richie Harman** said. "But I think they should have had the dance the next Saturday night."

Along with the confusion of plans before the dance, there were many after dance plans that faded quickly. Since the school had given no insight to Monday's school day being cancelled, students arrangements of partying were out of the question. Some

individuals went on with their plans, but many were subject to a short evening with friends.

"I didn't like it on Sunday. We didn't get to have any fun, if you know what I mean," junior **Bridget Rhodes** said. "After the dance we just sat around at Betsy's until I had to be home at one in the morning."

The next morning students woke up to the announcement that Monday's school day had been officially cancelled. Groaning, everyone rolled over, regretting worrying about going home early the night before. They all were wishing they'd rebelled just once in order to have some more fun. The dance itself was the same, but it could have been better if the dance had not been on a Sunday. The dance was really was short, but sweet.



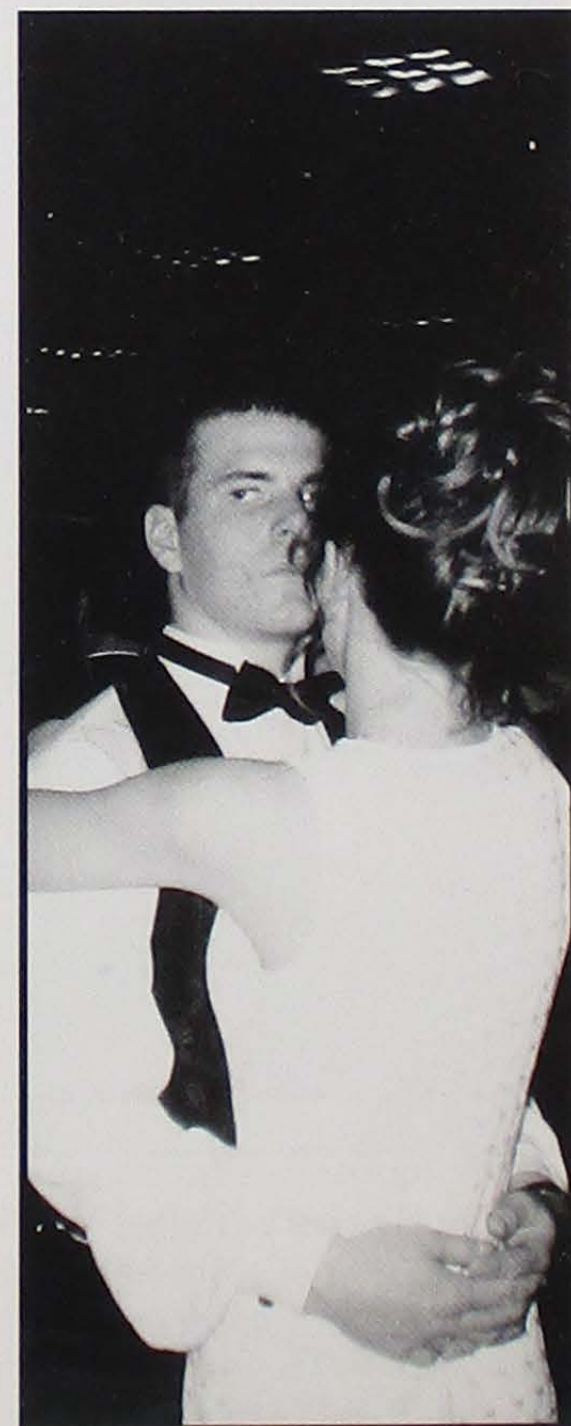
Seniors **Sara Antion** and **Bryan Allen** break loose and dance freely in the center of a large circle on the dance floor. Even though the night was shortened due to school the next day, everyone forgot as soon as the music began. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Proud seniors **Sarah Kitchell** and **Ryan Beeman** were publicly crowned Winter Formal King and Queen of 1999 during the dance. They were awarded this honor, out of their entire

senior class, by their fellow peers. They then celebrated their new titles as king and queen together during one of the many slow dances. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

Senior **Luke Lasche** sweeps his date off her feet with his suave dance rhythm and smooth moves. (photo by Stacey Chung)





## STRIKE UP THE BAND

By Molly Muehe

You see them at every home boys and girls basketball game. You can definitely hear them at every basketball game. No, it's not the energetic crowds, or the coaches yelling at the refs. It's our very own pep band.

There are exactly 70 students who participate in pep band. They play the traditional *Loyalty* song frequently throughout the night, but they also add such features as the *Star Wars Theme*, *Louie, Louie*, and *Respect*. The band is even fortunate enough to play at an Iowa State basketball game.

"One of our goals this year is to perform high quality, spirited music that the audience will enjoy and that will inspire the teams," director **Homer Gartz** said.

"We play a bunch of music, cheer loud, and go nuts," senior sousaphone player **Luke Healy** said. "We have an undefeated season."

Pep band does not compete in any competitions. They're just in it for the fun of it all.



The pep band plays *Wipeout* at a girls' basketball game after one of the opposing players takes a major fall and gets called for the block. The pep band had a song to play for every situation.

As for how pep band compares to those in the past, "We've always had an outstanding pep band. This year is no exception. It consists of great musicians with great enthusiasm," Gartz said.

"It was a blast. There's always a lot of comrodery among members," **Ryan Marquardt** said.

The enthusiasm and hard work from the pep band rubs off to the crowd in cheering their fellow teammates on. They should be the ones to be considered cheerleaders because they are loud and are able to pump the crowd up.

Knowingly or unknowing the crowd was always influenced by the pep band. Whether it was a defensive stop or a big shot the pep band was always ready.



Sophomore sousaphone player **Chris Krebs** puffs his cheeks as he blares out the fight song at a basketball game. The

wacky sousaphone dances brought plenty of excitement to the pep band. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Band director **Homer Gartz** leads the pep band as they try to fire up the crowd at the boys' varsity basketball game. "The crowd can get

kind of calm sometimes, so we play our hearts out to rile them up," senior **Sarah Kitchell** said. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



## What would you do for a million dollars?

### Seniors

"I would share a romantic evening with Mrs. Dorr," **Nate Hostetter**

"I would kill every cat in sight!," **Sarah Osmundson**

### Juniors

"I would sell both my long shanks to some short kid," **Chip Wandling**

"I'd be a cheerleader," **Chrisy Hayes**

"I'd give up my summer," **Elizabeth Vogel**

### Sophomores

"I'd run the 400 hurdles," **Kelley Kunz**

"I would stick my head in a toilet," **Cal Osmundson**

"I would shave AHS into my belly hair," **Dan Jones**

### Freshmen

"I would go without sleep for a week," **Haley Pick**

"I would do just about anything," **Ben White**

"I would shave my head," **Laura Stasko**



Students of all ages purchased their noon meals from the cafeteria. Juniors **Jeff Calentine** and **Aki Nakagawa**, sophomore **John Laville** and freshman **Jeff Block** pay for their lunches. (photo by S.Chung)



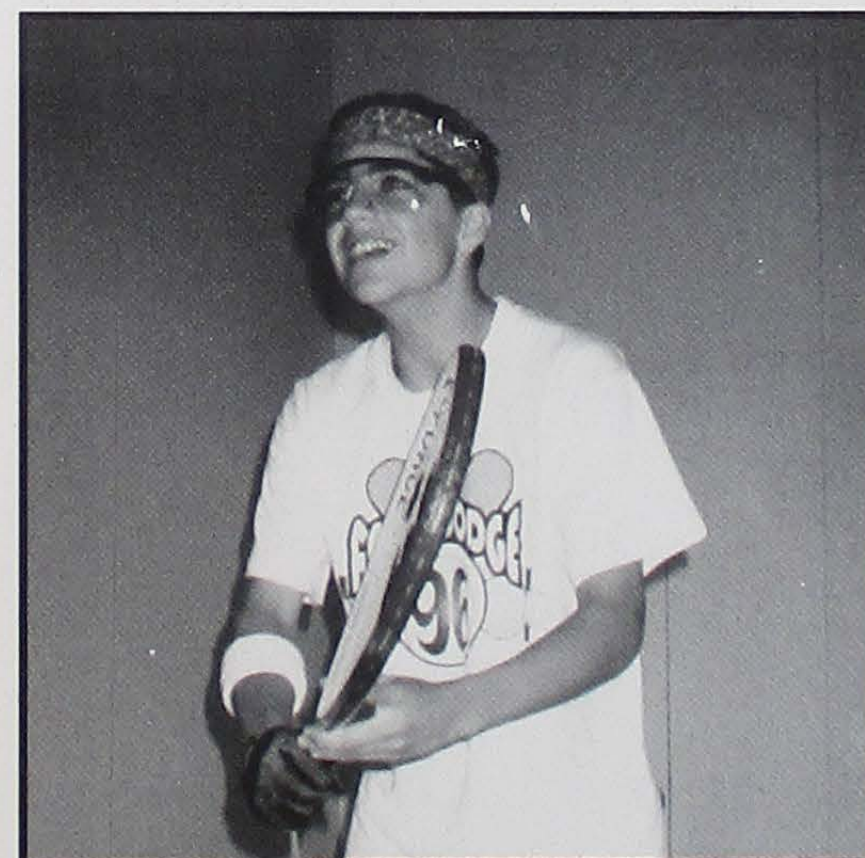
Crowded hallways are a large problem in our school. This year there was barely enough room to breathe as you walked down the hall. Between roughhousing and backpacks, it was more like an obstacle course when trying to reach your locker. "My locker was in the orange hallway," sophomore **Erica**

**Lynn** said. "It was horrible because that is the hall that most people use and everyone was always running into me. I got pretty sick of it, and it was even worse when my locker broke, and it took me all of passing time just to open it." (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



freshman **Steven Diesburg** takes a breather after his race. Diesburg defeated a Port Dodge swimmer with ease, and Ames won the meet. "There is a great amount of

team unity this year," sophomore **Adam Shaul** said. "We are improving every week and we are hoping for a good showing at districts." (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Sophomore **Michael Nassif** preps himself to receive a serve from his opponent. "I love racketball," Nassif said. "It's a great way to keep in shape and a lot of fun too." Many students spend time at the club doing different activities. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)

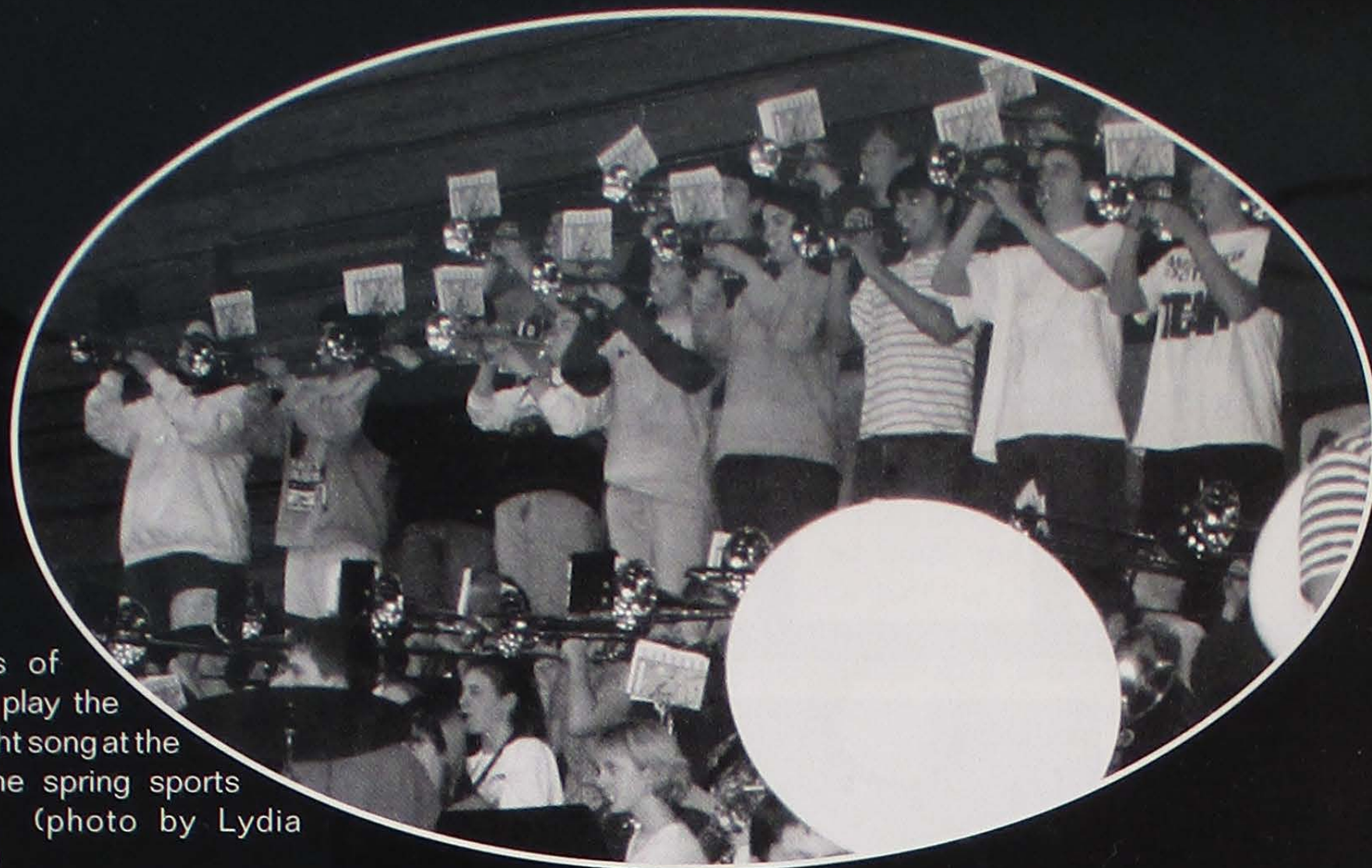


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meet. nmsqt.  
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ciml orchestra festival. wrestling state.  
jazz showcase. welfare week.  
girls track. boys track.  
spring sports kick off.  
spring break.

*3rd Quarter*





Members of the band play the school fight song at the end of the spring sports kick-off. (photo by Lydia VanHorn)



Senior **Troy Devens** busts a move while lip-syncing to a rap song in the variety show during welfare week. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)

# Before You Know it



# January 10 - 16

**Ames -**  
Girls' Youth  
Basketball  
Tournament

**Decorah -**  
Dorian  
Festival at  
Luther  
College

**Deorah -**  
Dorian  
Festival at  
Luther  
College

**Ames -**  
Semester  
tests

**Ames -**  
Semester  
tests

**Ames -**  
End of 1st  
semester

**Ames -**  
Workshop  
Day -- no  
school

**Mason City**  
Boys' swim-  
ming and  
wrestling

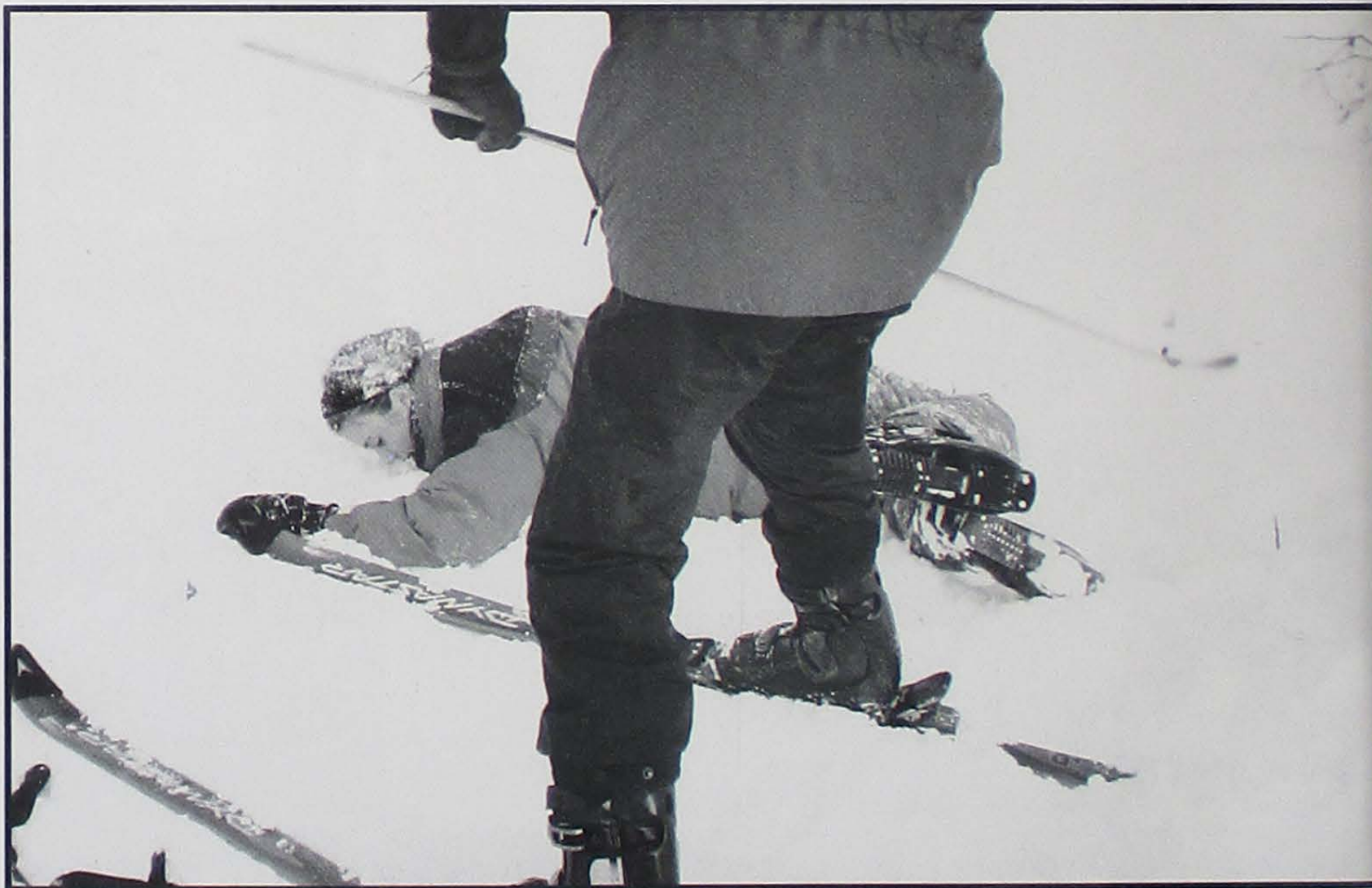
**Ames -**  
Start of 3rd  
nine weeks

**Esterville -**  
Wrestling at  
Esterville  
Tournament

The girls' varsity basketball cheerleaders led a cheer to pump up the huge crowd in the challenging game against Newton. "I enjoyed cheering and it's nice to be appreciated, not only by the crowd, but by the team. I feel part of the basketball team just as much as I do the cheerleading squad," junior **Oun Platt** said. (photo by Ellen Haws)



Sophomore **Greg Payne** perfects his run on one of the harder slopes. Many students went on the Ski Club's trip to the Afton Alps to perfect their skiing skills while others just went to have an exciting time with their friends. (Photo by Amy Chung)



Sophomore **Erica Lynn** collapses after a hard run down the slope, as an unidentified student tries to help her out of the snow. Students braved the frigid weather to try to

have an exciting time, on the Ski Club trip. It was also a way to try to forget about the finals that they had just finished the day before. (Photo by Amy Chung)



# Crunch Time; or Play Time?

by Sarah Rathert

Once again, finals arrived and brought long and stressful nights of cramming for the semester tests. Those murderous tests could count for up to 20% of a semester grade. Basically, they could either make or break a grade.

"Since I was a freshman, I think finals have gotten harder because classes have gotten harder," senior **Bobby Myers** said.

Not every senior seemed to look on finals as Myers did. It seemed as though students didn't quite study according to the difficulty of the class. Students studied as they deemed necessary for each individual class. Some students just didn't care at all about finals. In fact, they didn't even study for finals at all. If students didn't already know what was going to be on the test, then why try to learn it all a day before hand?

"The amount that I study depends on how much I have to get on the final," senior **Kyle Schilling** said. "If I only have to get a D on

the final to keep an A for the semester, I probably won't study at all."

Many students didn't like the fact that finals were after the winter break. A couple of years ago, the idea of changing finals to before break was discussed, but it obviously

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I think we should have finals before break. It's not like anyone actually uses the break to study, and I forget everything by the time I get back to school anyway.

Junior **Samantha Dorr**

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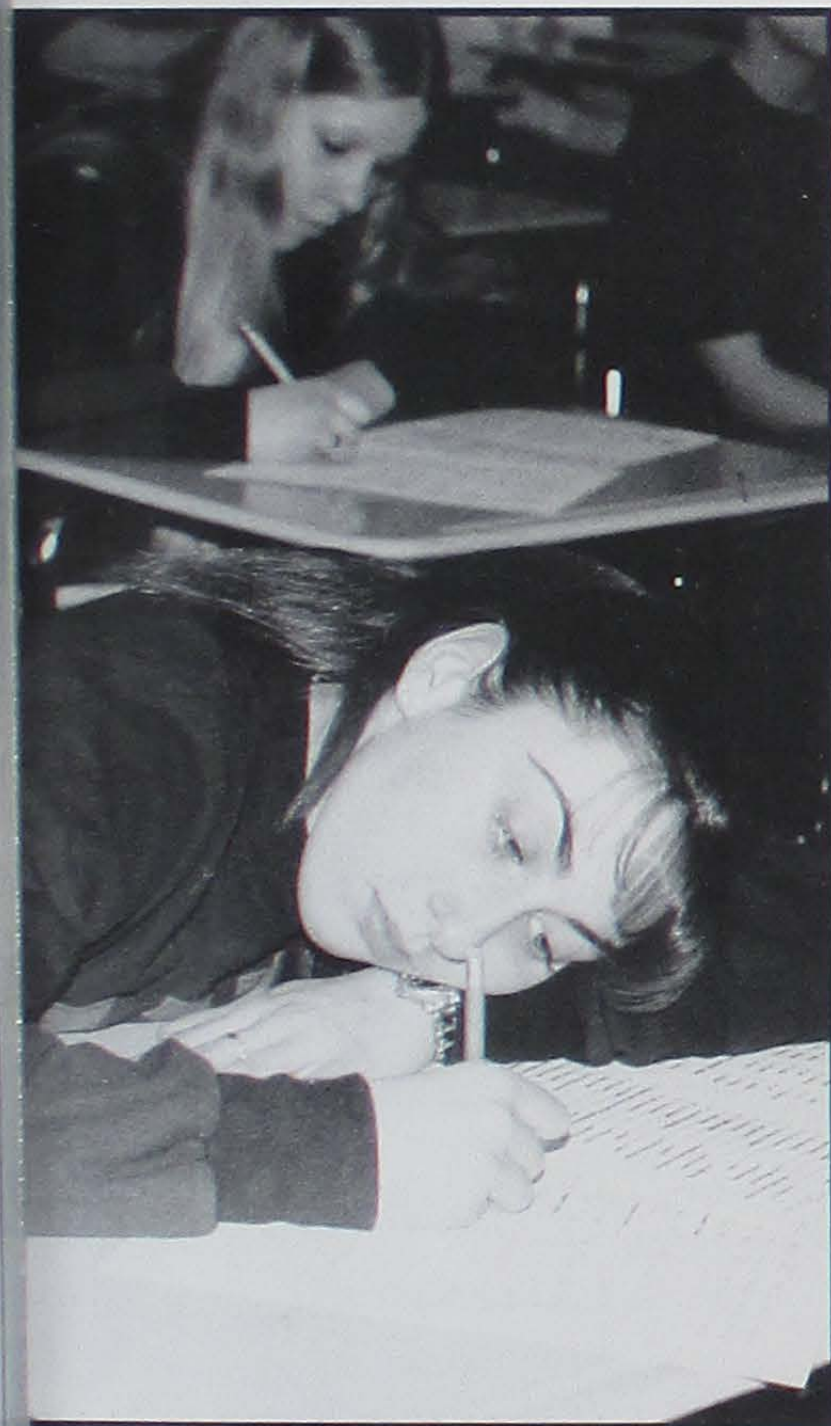
wasn't taken into serious consideration. To some students, it didn't seem fair to have finals after they had been out of school for two weeks relaxing. The last thing anyone wanted to do on their time off was study. Having finals after the break put unnecessary stress on students over the holidays.

"I think we should have finals before break," junior **Samantha Dorr** said. "It's not like anyone actually uses the break to study, and I forget everything by the time I get back to school anyway."

The snow day on the day students were supposed to return in January came as a relief to some, while to others it was a disappointment.

"I was extremely happy, finals were moved back a day because I was able to study for all my finals that night," junior **Chrisy Hayes** said.

Overall, finals slid by for some, but for others, they were more painful.

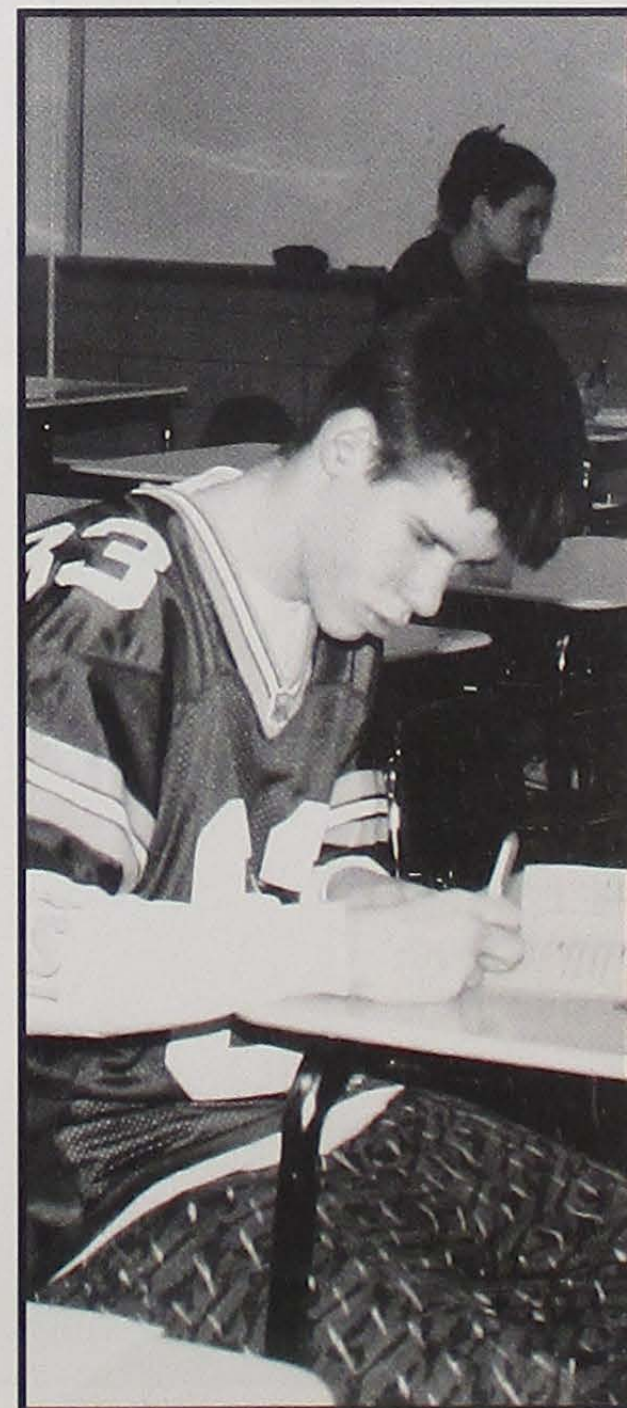


Sophomore **Roya Maghsoodi** looked pretty enthused for her final. Some students seemed to have studied so much, they fell asleep during them. (Photo by Amy Chung)



As hard as a rock. Freshman **Nima Golchin** agreed that Mr. Troeger's infamous rock and mineral test was one that ninth grade Earth Science students dreaded. However, "Mr. Troeger made the test entertainment with his puns and lucky number thirteen," Golchin said. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)

Sophomore **Jim Kain** paid close attention to his final in his relaxed, finals attire. Sweatpants and pajamas were a normal appearance for finals. (photo by Amy Chung)





# January 17 - 23

**Ames -**  
Girls' Youth  
Basketball  
Tournament

**Nation -**  
Martin Luther  
King, Jr.  
birthday  
observance

**Ames -**  
Girls' basket-  
ball vs.  
Ankeny

**Ankeny -**  
Boys' basket-  
ball

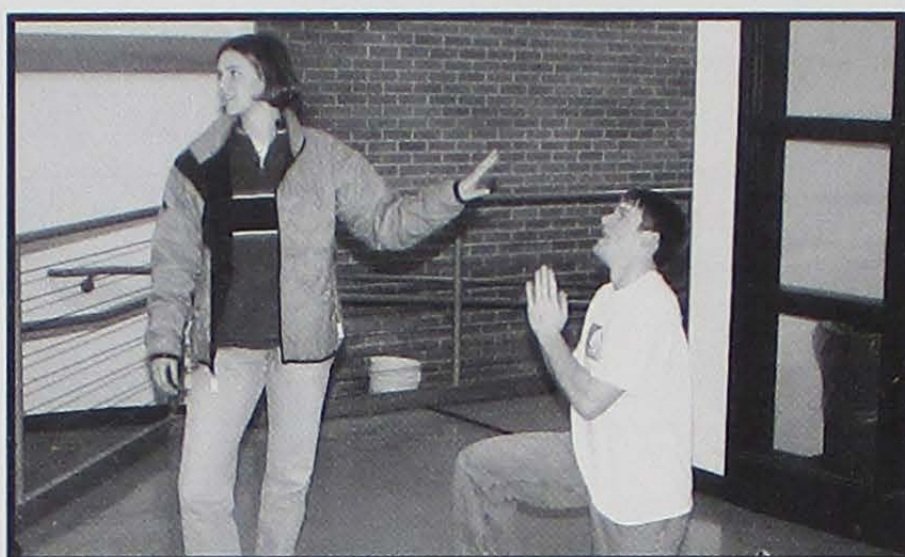
**Urbandale -**  
Boys' swim-  
ming and  
wrestling

**Ames -**  
Girls' basket-  
ball vs.  
Marshalltown

**Marshalltown**  
Boys' basket-  
ball

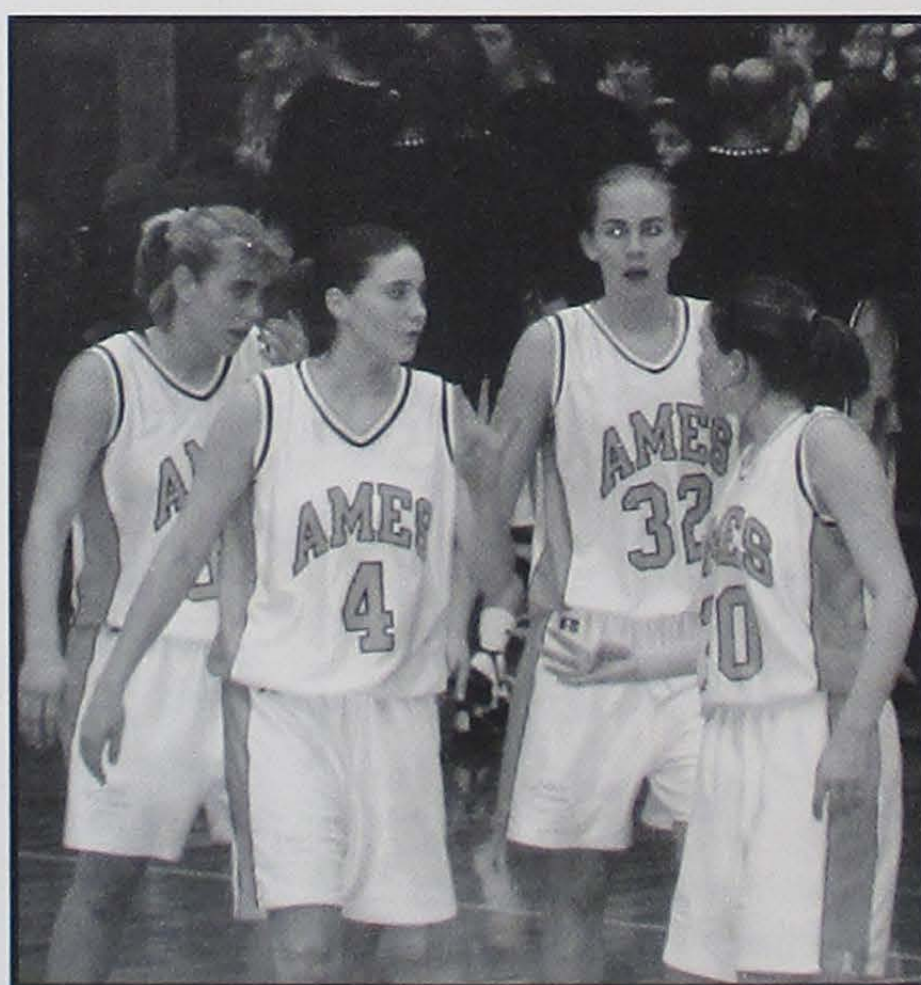
**Pleasant  
Valley -**  
Wrestling at  
Pleasant  
Valley Tourna-  
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Junior **Jon Mowers** shows off his "way with women" as junior **Meagan Harms** shows him what she thinks of his advances. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)



Sophomore **Lori Bennett** skies for a layup in the game against Ankeny. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)

Seniors **Jessica Ensley** and **Sarah Bappe**, and sophomores **Amy Bappe** and **Megan Morrow** go over what play to run. (photo by Ellen Haws)



## Bad pick-up LINES

### THINGS YOU NEVER SAY ON A DATE:

"If bad gas and cheese make someone attractive, well then call me Casanova!"

-Junior **Jon Mowers**

"Are you gonna pay for yourself?"

-Senior **Leah Theesfield**

"If you were a booger, I'd pick you first."

-Sophomore **Elliott Dowling**

"Where'd your mustache go?"

-Senior **Jeff Kinley**

"Is your armpit always wet like that?"

-Junior **Ryan Hutchison**

"Are you hurt? Because you just fell out of my dreams."

-Junior **Lindsay Kiliper**

"If I could rewrite the alphabet, I would put 'U' and 'I' together."

-Freshman **Eric Wilson**

"Is your dad a thief? Because he stole the stars and put them in your eyes."

-Freshman **Sara Simons**

"You make my stomach bubble."

-Sophomore **Erica Lynn**

"Hey look, there's my ex-boyfriend. Wait here. I'm gonna go talk to him."

-Senior **Sarah Jones**



## Remembering the Man

By Eknath Vittal

On the first Monday of January, the school celebrated Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The assembly, produced by the Human Relations Committee, dealt with the topics of prejudice and discrimination through skits and songs. Through the skits, the students tried to convey the message of Dr. King in his fight for racial and religious equality.

"The assembly really brought the message across to me," sophomore **April Berg** said. "It showed me what was going on at our school, and helped me become a better person."

Some of the skits were performed with a bit of humor, but never the less, the message was sent to the students. The skits were patterned after everyday happenings at Ames High. They dealt with issues ranging from gender discrimination to social equality. Also,

a guest speaker, **Ms. Shirley Basfield-Dunlap**, mother of senior **Stacie Dunlap**, spoke about equality and carrying on the work of Dr. King.

During the assembly, senior **Sarah Kitchell** was awarded a \$400 scholarship from Norwest Bank for her winning essay on keeping Dr. King's dream alive.

The assembly closed with a song performed by the cast and members of Concert Chorale.

"The assembly really taught me a lot about myself and Dr. King," sophomore **Tariq Lundy** said. "I learned a lot and I will never wear FUBU again."

Through assemblies such as this, we will always remember the kind of man Dr. King was and his contributions to our society.



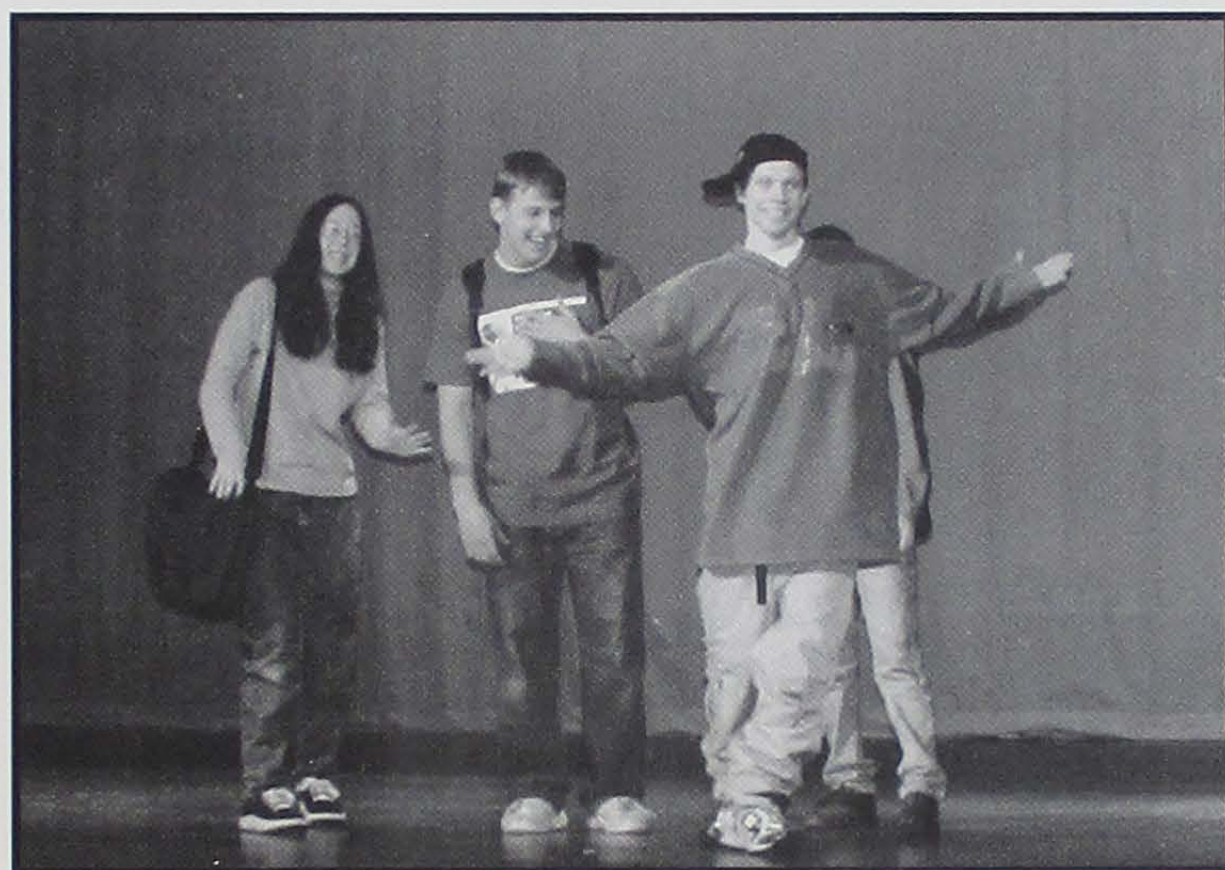
Senior **Sarah Kitchell** recites a section of her award winning speech. She spoke about equality and how to keep Dr. King's message alive. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)

Senior **Luke Healy** walks across the stage to show why people should not be discriminated against or made fun of based on the way they dress. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Juniors **Andy Kohler** and **Jacek Pruski** stand ready during one of the team's home games. Kohler and Pruski were

two key players that had a major influence on the success of the varsity basketball team. (photo by Amy Chung)



Presenters act out a skit, showing yet another form of discrimination. Each skit was used as a way of portraying Dr. King's message of peace and equality. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



# January 24-30

**Ames -**  
Girls Youth  
Basketball  
Tournament

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**Ames -**  
Boys' basket-  
ball vs. Valley

**West Des  
Moines -**  
Girls' basket-  
ball vs. Valley

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**Ames -**  
Boys' swim-  
ming vs.  
Johnston

**Ames -**  
Winter  
Orchestra  
Concert

**Indianola -**  
Girls' basket-  
ball

**Indianola -**  
Girls' basket-  
ball

**Ames -**  
Mendenhall  
Invite

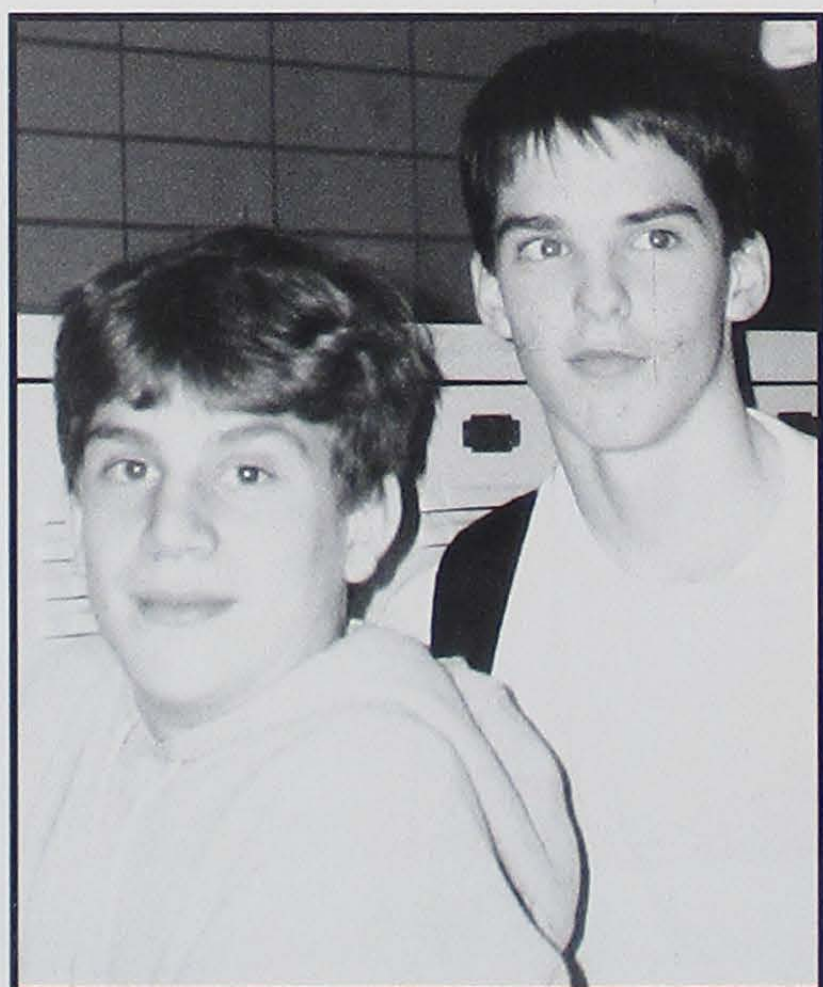
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Sophomore  
**Andrea  
Steele** and  
Junior **Megan  
Flaws** show  
spirit for their  
team, the  
Spunk Pops.  
(photo by  
Betsy  
Huisenga)



Juniors  
**Adrianna  
Grant, Jenna  
White** and  
**Jamie Siefert**  
share a joke in the  
Junior/Senior  
Room. (photo by  
Mandi Hardy)

Freshmen **Rich-  
ard Mitchell** and  
**Chris Warren**  
swarm through the  
hallway, trying to  
get to their next  
class. (photo by  
Betsy Huisenga)



## Teachers then and now

What's Your Inspiration to Come Back  
To Ames High Each Year?



Mr. Forssman-1969- "It all has  
to do with light of, course. It's  
a major opportunity to make  
light and watch students make  
light and compose light. Our  
environment is filled with scat-  
tered pieces of light just wait-  
ing to be discovered."



Mr. Daddow-1979

"I come back each year because of students like Emily  
Duffelmeyer. She is interested in school, and very inspiring to  
her teachers."



Mr. Carlson-1964, to England  
and back in 1972- "I teach  
British Literature and Honors  
12. It's great literature and  
great students. It's always  
exciting to see what they will  
do with it."



Mrs. Hansen-fall of 1959

"Because every year I have a different group of students  
to work with, and so I can help more students learn math-  
ematics."



Mr. Tramp-1967-

"I've searched and I  
coudn't find anything better.  
It's my job."



Mr. Legg-1976-

"I just like the students and staff at Ames High School.  
Really, it's the people if you want to put it in a nutshell."



# SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN THE AIR

by Jen Oftedal

Orchestra students knew this year was going to be different. Yes, there would be the concerts, rehearsals and contests, but this year there was something a bit more exciting in the air. The cause for enthusiasm? Orchestra tour was the reason, and Minneapolis was the destination. Each orchestra member went day to day with their own ideas about just what it was that would be fun on tour.

"I really like the city of Minneapolis and can't wait to see all that there is to see on tour. I am especially looking forward to going to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater," senior violinist **Maya Hayslett** said.

"The I-MAX will be best," senior violinist **Eugena Song** said.

Others were looking forward to the social aspect of tour. "We are looking forward to being with friends," freshmen string-base players **Emily Hennager** and **Gretchen Matson** said.

To raise money for the tour, orchestra members had

the opportunity to do fund-raisers such as selling pizzas and mint melt-a-ways, which became a favorite.

Until tour, orchestra members kept busy, with their first full-orchestra concert on January 28. The following day they performed for Ames' community fourth graders in the Young People's Concert.

"It was a good way to show future high school students what orchestra is all about even if they don't agree with us at first," senior clarinetist **Kevin Marasinghe** said. The afternoon proved to be a good alternative to going to classes.

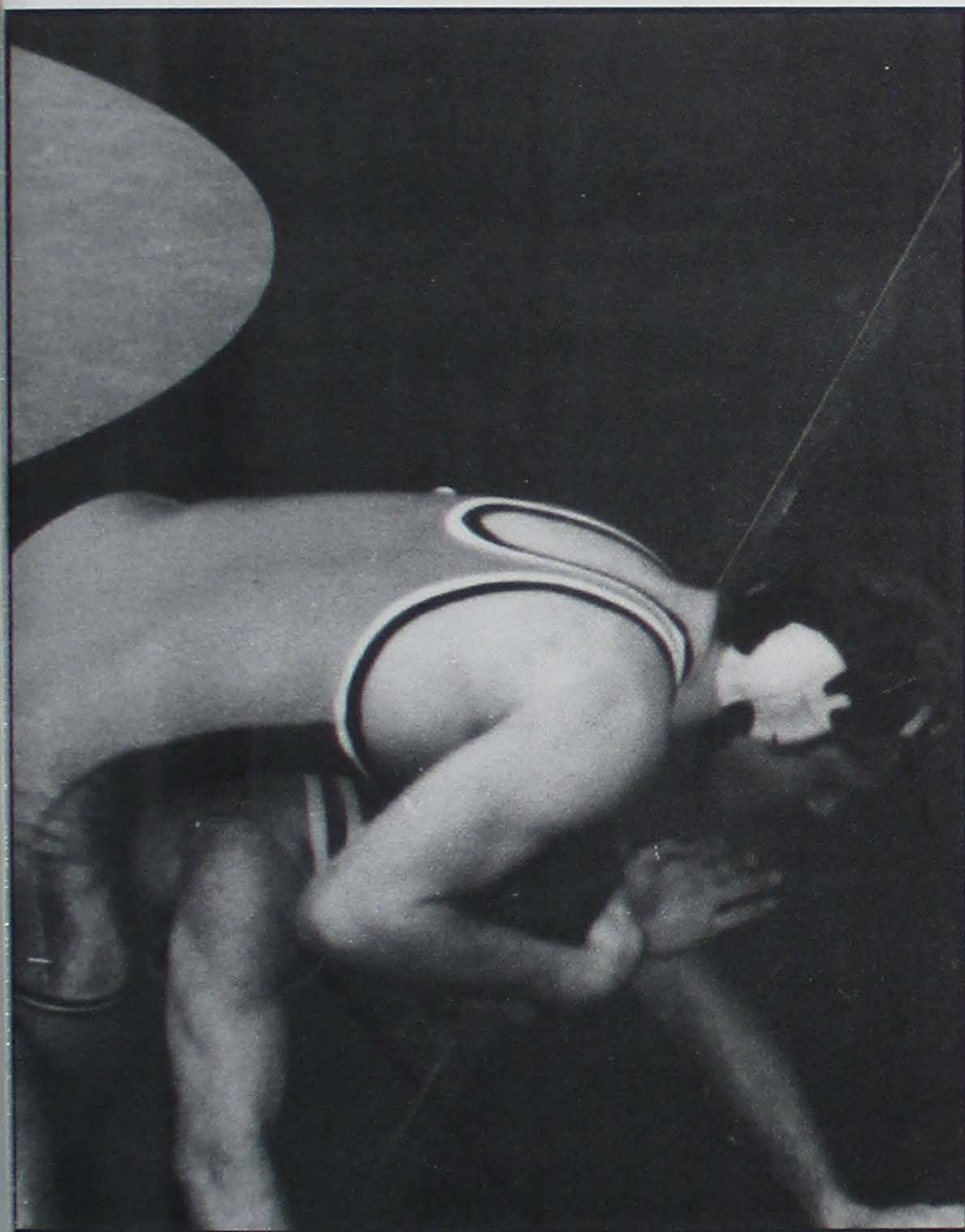
What is best about being in orchestra? "It is a really relaxed class and it's a lot of fun," freshman **Beth Bastiaans** said.

"Nope," junior violinist **Wayne Shyy** said, "It has got to be Mrs. Polashek's bright smile every day!"



Conductor **Mrs. Polashek** helps the orchestra keep the beat during the concert. (photo by Stacey Chung)

**Mrs. Polashek** gives recognition to the woodwind section of the orchestra. "The best part of orchestra is playing with the awesome band members," said senior violinist **Eugena Song**. (Photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Adam Carlson** holds down his opponent from the Indianola Indians hoping to weaken him in an effort to score two points.

Ames pulled together to hold their own during the Mendenhall Invite, not winning, but finishing fifth. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Sophomore **Gretchen Theesfield**, senior **Naomi Slutzki** and sophomore **Dekel Luban** concentrate on their opening piece, "St. Paul's Suite." The only piece performed entirely by strings, it showcased the talent of the orchestra. (Photo by S. Chung)



# Jan. 31 - Feb. 6

**Ames -**  
Youth Wrestling Tournament

S

**Nation -**  
National Freedom Day

M

**Ames -**  
Girls' basketball vs. Ft. Dodge

**Ft. Dodge -**  
Boys' basketball

T

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**Ames -**  
Wrestling vs. Newton

**Ames -**  
Winter Play, *Cheaper by the Dozen*

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**Ames -**  
Boys' basketball vs. Mason City

**Ames -**  
Winter Play

**Mason City**  
Girls' BB

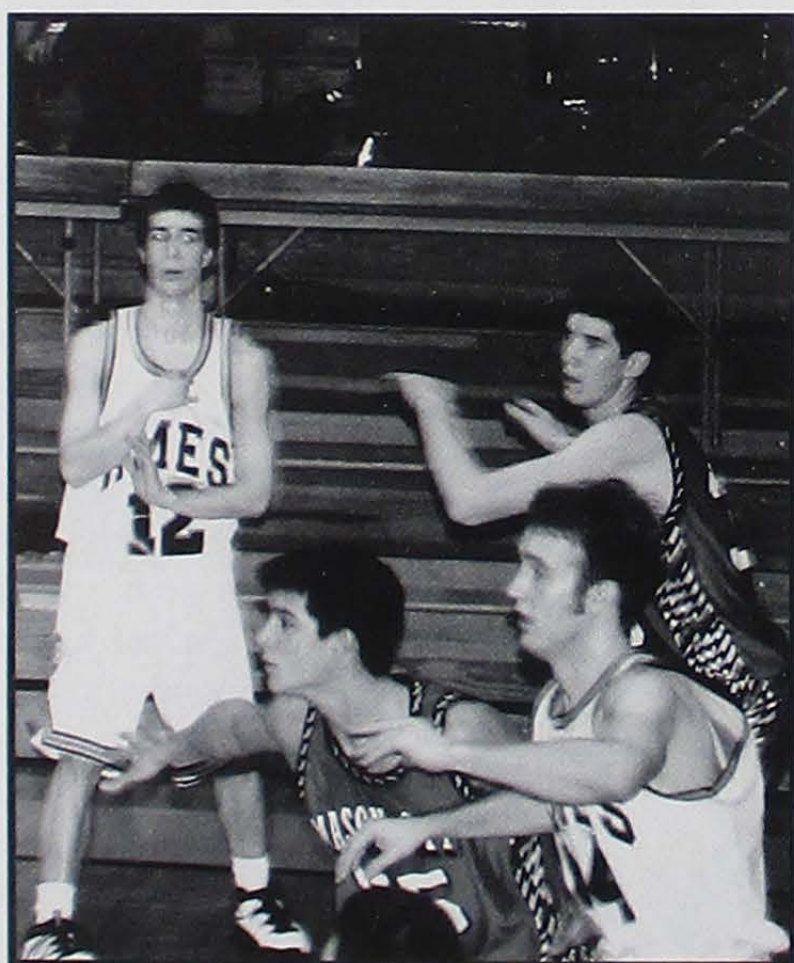
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**Fort Dodge -**  
Boys' swimming conference meet

**Ames -**  
Wrestling conference meet

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The bench and fans stand and cheer for the players on the floor as the referee signals a violation against Fort Dodge. Fan support played a major role in many of the games through out the season. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Seniors **Kyle Shilling** and **Brad Lawer** look on and fight for position in an attempt to make a basket. Ames played a close hard fought game against Fort Dodge before losing in overtime. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Erin Maysent** shows her ups as she puts a shot past the extended arm of sophomore **Abby VanMaaren** in the semi-final game of the girls I-ball season. The two teams played through the regular season and had

one game to play before they could reach the glory of I-ball supremacy in the championship game. I-ball was a way for students who didn't participate in a winter sport to have fun and stay active. (photo by Houdy Khosarvi)



# A Play For The Ages

by Erin Martin

The drama club tried something a little different for this year's winter play. They made the play funny. *Cheaper by the Dozen* brought new life to the world of plays. The Gilbreth family of fourteen faces many problems, from first dates to getting a family dog. They kept the audience laughing through out the whole thing.

"I've never laughed so hard at a school play," junior **Meagan Harms** said. "Everyone in it did a good job."

This was the consensus among most students.

"All the other plays were really boring," senior **Hannah Keeling** said. "This one

kept my interest the whole way through."

Senior **Sam Kolner** played the lead role as Mr. Gilbreth, the head of the household.

"It was a good family play that promoted good family values and many good life lessons," Kolner said. "It was a lot of hard work, but it all came together in the end."

It was quite a challenge for Mr. Gilbreth to handle twelve children, but he managed. He dealt with plenty of problems including, silk stockings and math tests to name a few.

"Sam Kolner did a really good job as Mr. Gilbreth," senior **Kevin Huls** said. "It was one of the funniest plays I've seen since I've been in high school."

Kolner's soul mate, Mrs. Gilbreth was played by **Elizabeth Talbert**. She had a challenging role to play, as well, burdened with holding the large family together after Mr. Gilbreth died. She was able to do this with the help of the eldest daughter Anne, played by **Sarah White**. The family was set on skipping grades, and Anne skipped plenty of them. She graduated two years ahead of her class just so she could hold her family together.

This play really made the young members of the audience think about how far they would go to hold their families together.



Larry (senior **Tom Popelka**) yells at girlfriend, Anne (sophomore **Sarah White**) for putting nails and broken glass in the driveway causing him to wipe out on his motorcycle and cut himself in numerous places. (photo by Stacey Chung)



the younger members of the Gilbreth family look on intently as cheerleader Joe Scales (junior **Shawn Sebastian**) prepares to lead them in a hearty cheer. Scales was the first boy to ask

a Gilbreth girl out on a date, and was thoroughly harassed by Mr. Gilbreth (senior **Sam Kolner**) (photo by Stacey Chung)



Mr. Gilbreth (senior **Sam Kolner**) confronts Dr. Burton (senior **Dusan Jettinija**) about his heart problem. Mr. Gilbreth didn't believe anything was wrong with him. He kicked the doctor out. (photo by S. Chung)



Sophomore girls' basketball coach **Chuck Stevens** full fills his end of a bet, allowing his players to shave is goatee as their prize for beating Mason City. (photo by Tonja Brooks)

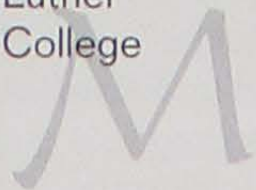
**Cheaper by the Dozen 81**



# February 7 - 13

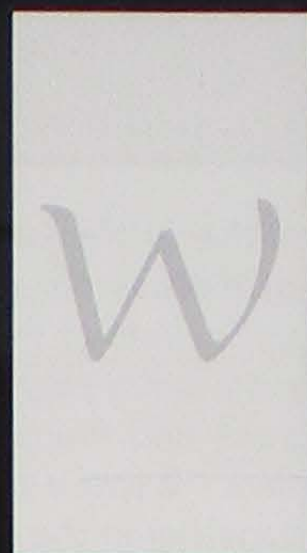


**Decorah -**  
Dorian  
Festival at  
Luther  
College



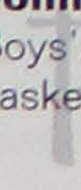
**Ames -**  
Boys'/girls'  
BB vs.  
Urbandale

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Dorian  
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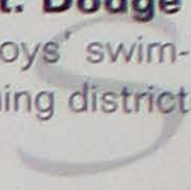
**Ames -**  
Terpsichore

**Johnston -**  
Boys'/girls'  
basketball



**Ames -**  
Terpsichore

**Ft. Dodge -**  
Boys' swim-  
ming districts



## Step in Time

by Amanda Hopper

From the Greek myths come the nine muses. Young and beautiful, they preside over the Fine and Liberal Arts. From the nine, Terpsichore emerges as the daughter of Zeus and Mnemosyne. Her name is taken from the Greek word "terpsichoros" — *terpin* meaning 'to delight,' and *choros* meaning 'to dance.'

And on February 12th and 13th, that is just what students did. Supervised by physical education instructor Mary Kautzky, Terpsichore student choreographers created dance moves and chose music varying from Pink Floyd's "Another Brick in the Wall" to Michael Jackson's "Beat It" to a collection of songs from Sesame Street.

After auditioning, student dancers were chosen by choreographers to be in specific dances. The groups practiced individually for weeks before the performance. "It was a lot

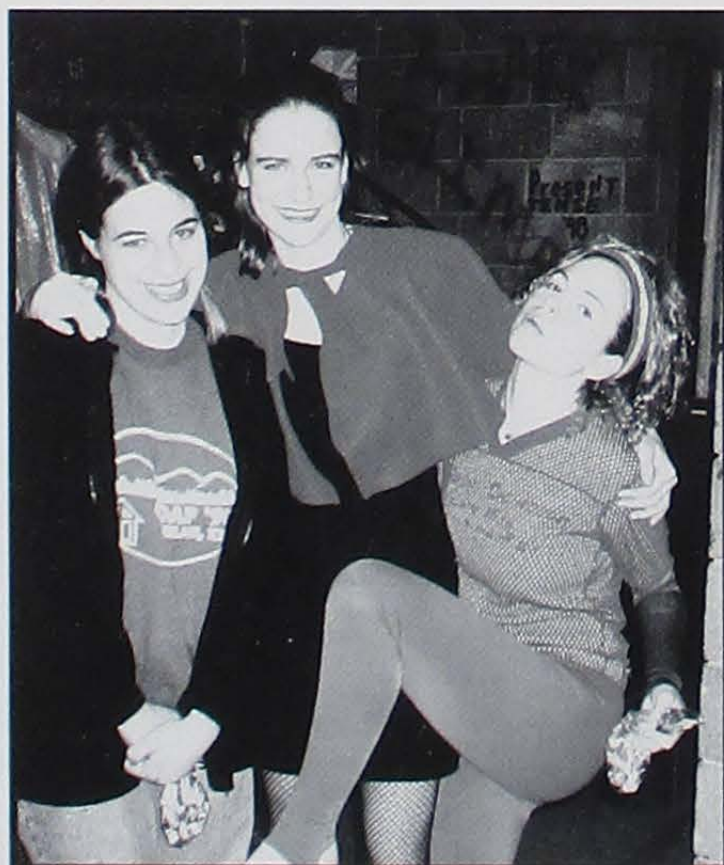
of work, but it was fun work," sophomore **Kara Johnson** said. "In the end, it was really worth it."



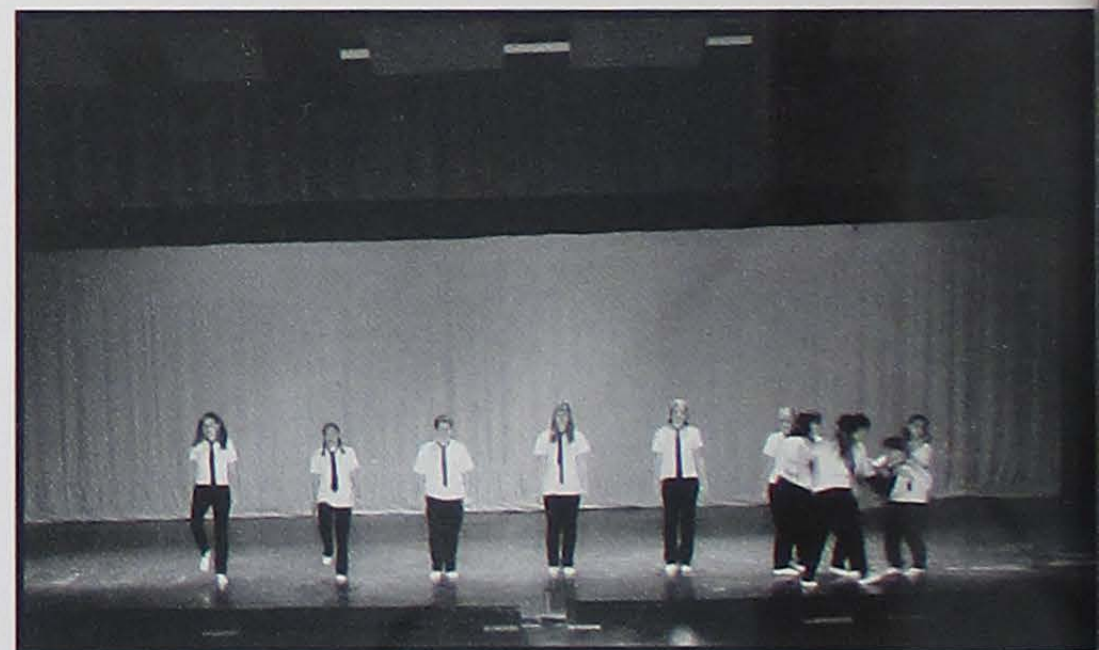
"Another Brick in the Wall" performers step in time. (Photo courtesy of Brenna Dougan)

Many students joined Terpsichore not only for the chance to better improve their dancing skills, but also to chase away nagging stage fright. "I was really uncomfortable with being on stage and dancing. Terpsichore was something different than what I normally do, but it helped my fears of performing in front of people," senior **Alex White** said.

Although the opening night performance was cancelled due to weather conditions, it didn't dampen the dancers' spirits. The performances on Saturday and Sunday nights were a success. Senior choreographer **Brenna Dougan** said, "I think Terpsichore really shows a new and original face of Ames High."



Sophomores **Bryinna Dieter** and **Emily Nau** and junior **Lindsay VanFleet** get a picture before they have to perform. "At that time, it didn't matter how crazy we were being because even though we knew later we might be embarrassed, it just didn't matter then," Dieter said. (Photo courtesy of Brenna Dougan)



Freshman **Steve Diesberg** shows he has authority in "Another Brick in the Wall," choreographed by Brenna Dougan. "I think the greatest part of Terpsichore was getting to dress like a girl," Diesberg said. (Photo courtesy of Brenna Dougan)

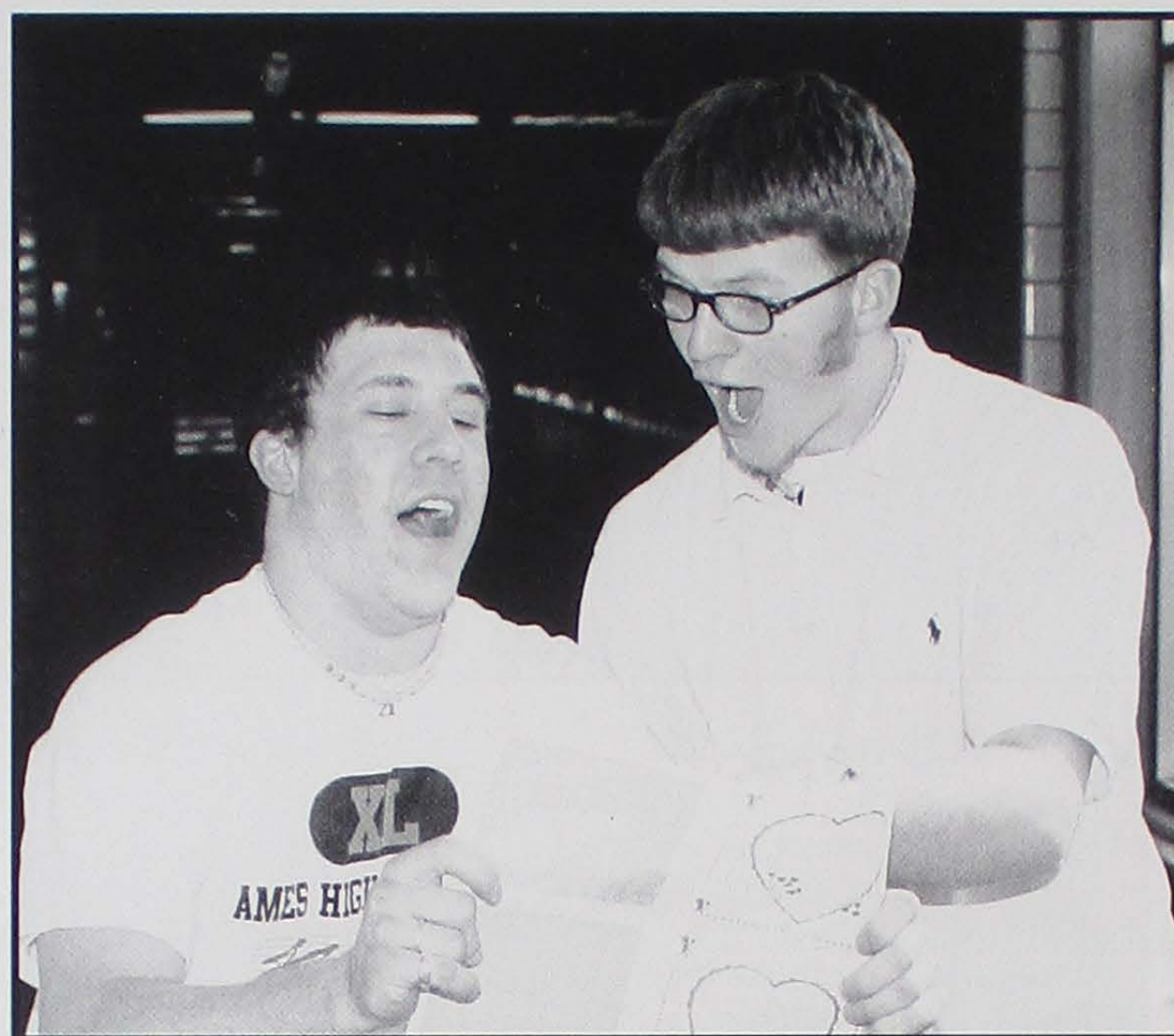
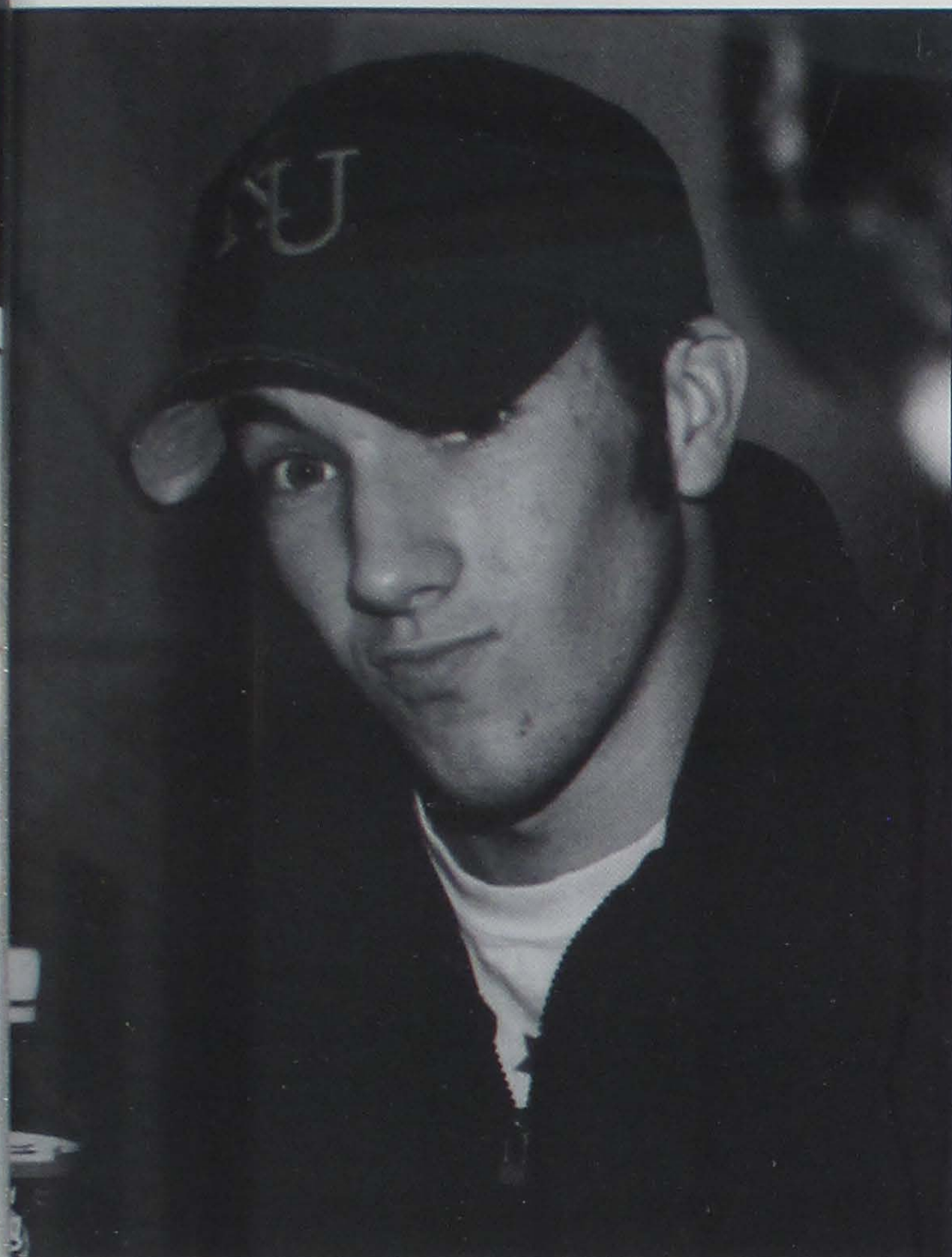


in the junior/senior room, junior **Curtis McGeeney** flashes a smirky half-smile as he drinks a Coke. The posters on the walls which read "No food or drink at all times" were either overlooked or just didn't apply to most people. Many students used the room as a

place to take a snack break. If food or drink was seen by **Mrs. Dorr**, she simply confiscated it. "I had some pretty good free snacks thanks to those students who didn't follow the rules," Dorr said with her own smirky half-smile. (photo by Houdi Khosravi)



Junior **Brandon Bogue** and seniors **Matt Fowles** and **Nick Mabe** slack off while doing a crossword puzzle during foods class. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Seniors **Karsten Blackwelder** and **Beau Biskner** study the detailed results of their recently published dating surveys. Students filled out forms stating their likes and dislikes and their most compatible matches were put to-

gether and made available to students for \$2 apiece. Students stood all over the place and gawked at the results oooh-ing and ah-ing over their choice dates. (photo courtesy of Molly McNertney)



Seniors **Sarah Bappe, Hannah Dobbs, Jessica Ensley, Raquel Hansell, Jill Lippard, Molly McNertney, Emily Peterson, and Jamie Soma** were recognized on senior night with their parents before

the last home game. There were nine seniors on the team this year. The team ended their regular season successfully with a win over Marshalltown. (photo courtesy of Raquel Hansell)



Sophomore **Erica Lynn** fills out the message for a crush can. Crush cans were a way for students to send their sweethearts a message anonymously or with a name attached. (photo by Amy Chung)



# February 14 - 20

**Nation -**  
Valentine's  
Day

**Ames -**  
Fine Arts  
Week

**Ames -**  
Fine Arts  
Week

**Ames -**  
Fine Arts  
Week

**Ames -**  
Fine Arts  
Week

**Ames -**  
Fine Arts  
Week

**Iowa City -**  
Boys' swim-  
ming, state  
meet

**Nation -**  
Presidents'  
Day

**Ames -**  
Winter Choral  
Concert

**Ames -**  
Winter Band  
Concert

**Ames -**  
Student  
Council Party

**Fort Dodge -**  
Wrestling,  
districts

**Newton -**  
Boys' BB

## MAKING AN IMPRESSION

by Parsa Fattahi

"Athletics get attention throughout the school year. Shouldn't art get attention for at least a week?" junior **Linnea Woline** asked.

That was the attitude of students involved in fine arts week, five days that celebrated everything from painting to drama at the high school.

Throughout the week, various art forms were showcased for people to see. Student artwork, ranging from photographs to drawings, were displayed in the media center, leaving an impression on would-be critics.

"I was very impressed by the artistic talents we have here at Ames High," senior **Kyle Schilling** said.

Tuesday night was highlighted by a choir concert, while the band was given the oppor-

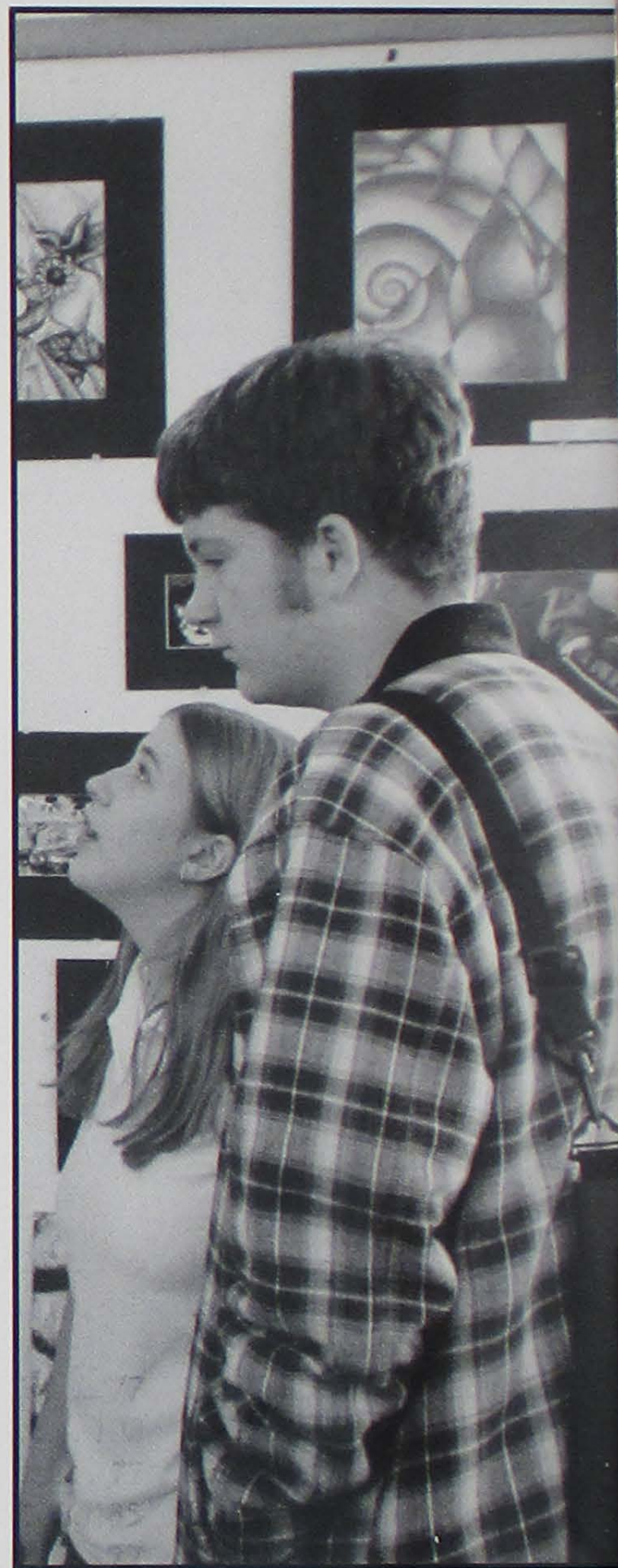
tunity to show off their talents Thursday night. Members of each were excited about their performances.

"I like to sing," senior **Emily Duffelmeyer** said. "It makes me smile."

Many students had the opportunity to listen to speakers who shared their knowledge of several art forms. Among the speakers were **Rick Lem**, publisher of *Toons*, **Mark Delay** of the Brunier Art Gallery, and artist **Jo Myers Walker** from the Octagon.

The week was capped off with an assembly on Friday. The jazz band, choir, orchestra, speech club, dancers, and a rousing finale by the sousaphones ended a week of celebration for a sometimes forgotten aspect of Ames High School.

Members of the Concert Chorale sing at their Winter Concert during Fine Arts Week. The concert showcased the talents the choir had been perfecting over the quarter. (photo by Amy Chung)



Senior **Josh Faas** and sophomore **Ayla Repp** admire artwork designed and created by talented students of Ames High. Displays of this art were available for the student body to see all week. (photo by Amy Chung)

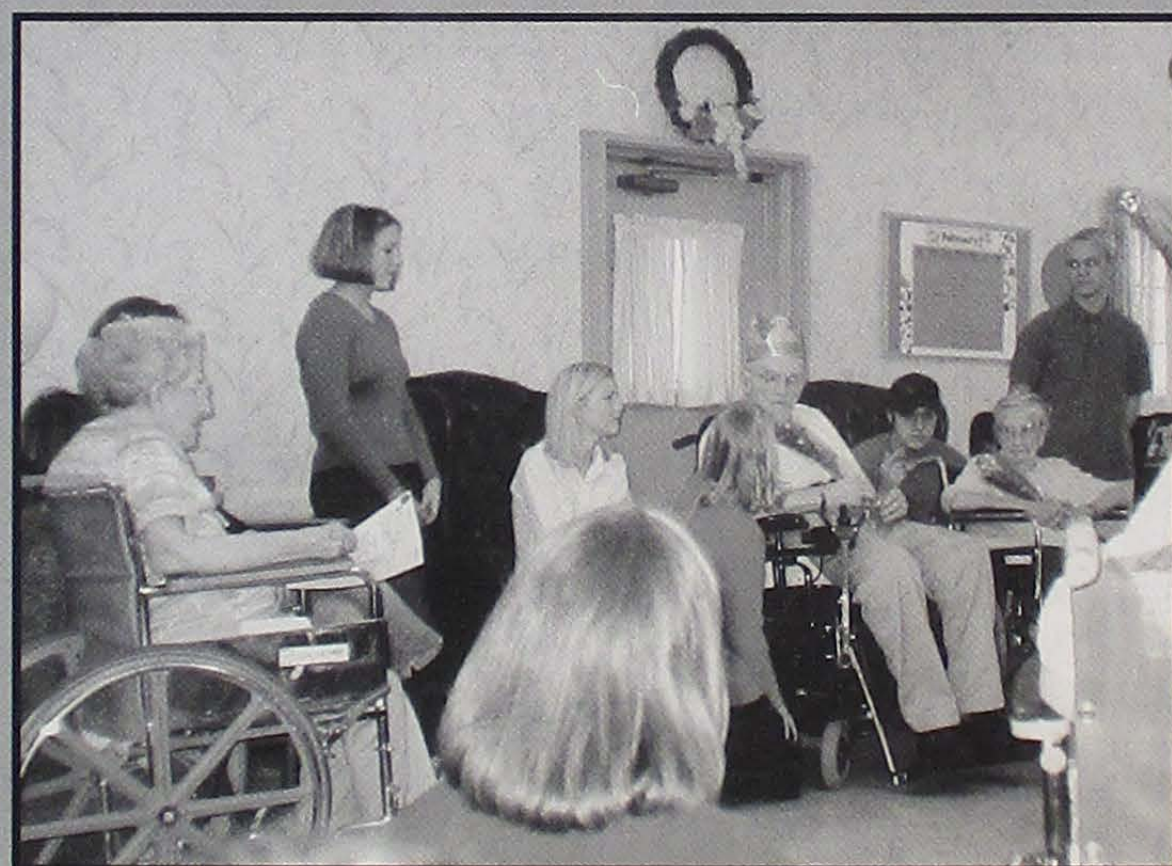


Band director **Homer Gartz** holds the microphone as **Michael Chimenti** plays his saxophone solo during the band concert. The other band members grooved right along with the tune to back him up. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Junior **Alec Otteman** gets sprayed with water as junior **Josh Welter** laughs along at swimming practice before the state meet. The swimmers qualified six people for state and competed well at the meet. The swimmers placed 27th out of 30 teams. "We had a really great season," Welter said. "We were very team oriented, which added to our success." (photo by Mandi Hardy)

## *A Lil' Lovin'*



Students take time from school to visit and celebrate Valentine's Day with the elderly staying at Northcrest Retirement Center. Their afternoon consisted of a coronation of a

Valentine's Day king and queen and a gathering of sing-along songs. After the main festivities, students individually visited with the residents. (photos by Amy Chung)



# February 14 - 20

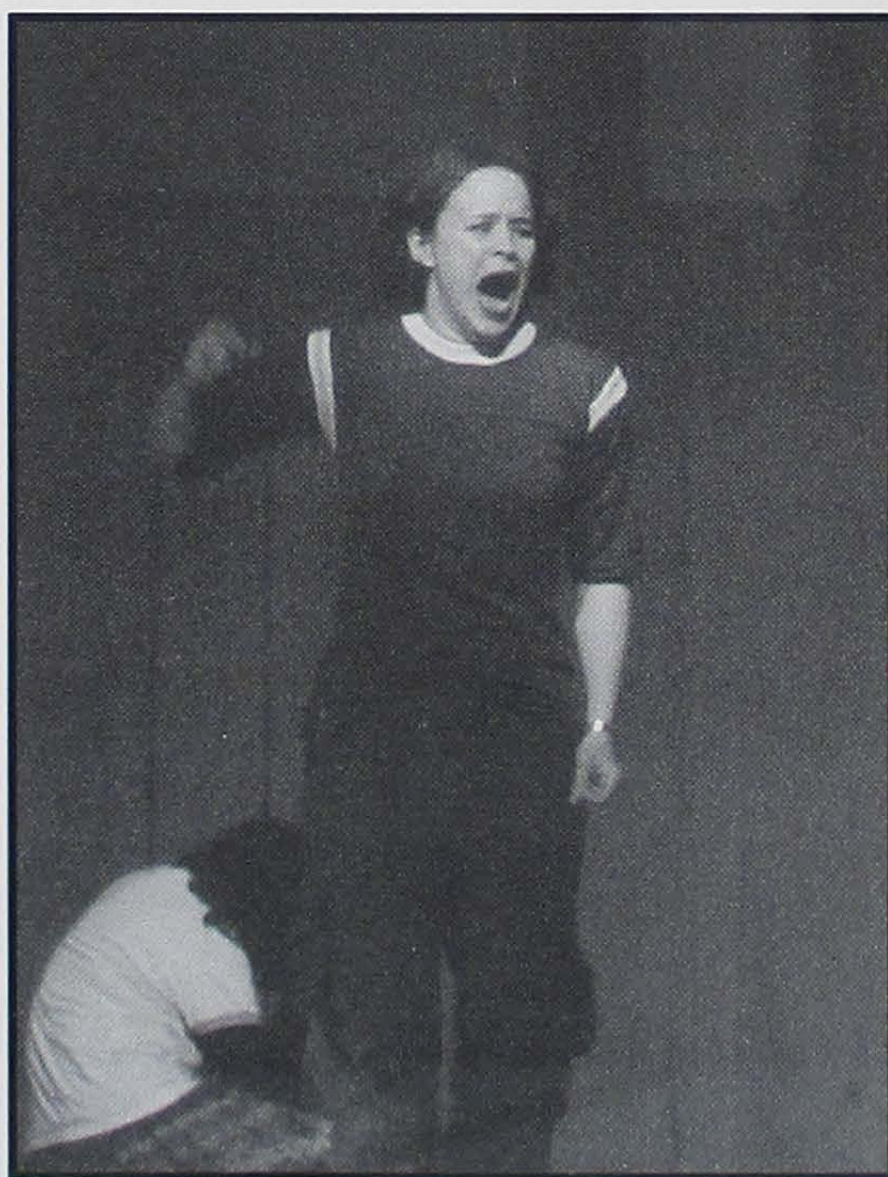
Senior **Sam Wong** backs up the jazz band during the Jazz Band Exposition at the fine arts assembly. (photo by Stacey Chung)



The sousaphones, led by senior **Luke Healy**, added some original comedy to the assembly by playing peppy songs and having a relaxed attitude. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Adam Diesburg** vocalizes his talent along with fellow Concert Chorale members. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior thespian **Erika Prater** voices her opinion in a skit for the fine arts assembly. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Seniors **Eugena Song** and **Naomi Slutzki** perform "The Orange Blossom Special" and "Serenta"

"It was a good experience. Fine

Arts' Week is a good idea. It's good for students to see the opportunities our school has in music and other fine arts," sophomore **Dekel Luban** said. (photo by Stacey Chung)



# Marching To A Different Beat

by Nicole Olson



Senior **Julie McFarland** is a 'split-option' student. She attended basic training during the summer between her junior and senior year.

Pep band members stand tall and proudly play "Loyalty" in order to pump up the players before games. (photo by Stacey Chung)

At first glance, senior **Julie McFarland** was just like any other outgoing student. Yet along with being a student, she was also referred to as 'split option,' or someone who attended Basic training during the summer between their junior and senior years.

"Joining the Iowa Army National Guard is the best decision I have ever made!" McFarland said.

Basic training was definitely the most difficult thing McFarland had ever done; however, she doesn't look back with regret.

"Everyday was a mental and physical challenge, but honestly I think anyone could do it. I had the best time ever at basic training."

McFarland committed one weekend a month and two weeks throughout her senior year to the program. It is possible to do voluntary things or get special orders to do more in the community, such as the Color Guard or things at Ames High, instead of just attending the mandatory training

practices.

"I helped out with repelling at the high school," McFarland said.

After graduation from high school, she will go to A.I.T.

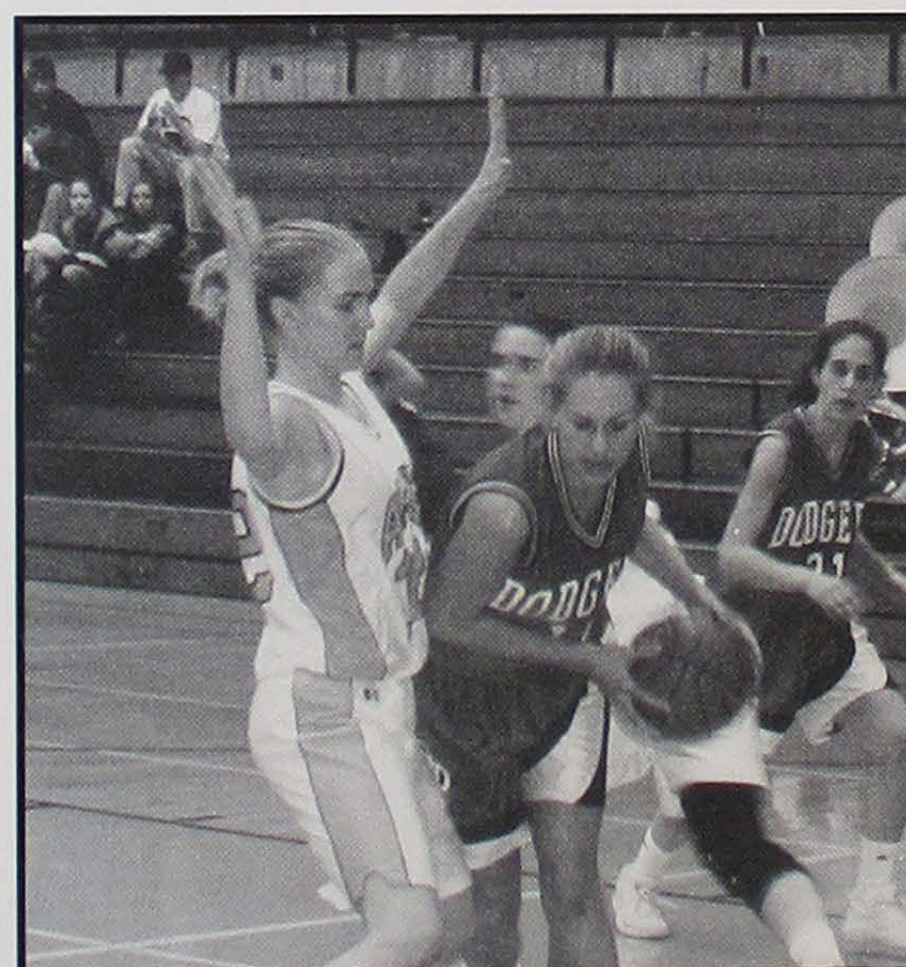
"I ship out on June 23 to Ft. Meade, Maryland for 14 weeks. I will receive training as a multi-media illustrator. When I graduate from A.I.T., I will then attend college, earn a degree, and go to the regular Army as an officer. I think the biggest misconception of the Army is that all we do is run around and shoot people. While at basic training, I was taught so much more--about me, about other people in general, about life."

Although joining the Army sounds very hard, McFarland emphasizes the benefits of joining. By joining you earn money for college, receive job training, along with learning values that will help you live a full life.



Senior **Hannah Dobbs** blocks a shot from a Fort Dodge player. The Ames girls ended up defeating the Dodgers by twenty points. The

win enabled the varsity girls to go on to the semi-finals against South East Polk. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Sophomore **Megan Morrow** prevents the Fort Dodge Dodgers from taking the ball down the court. With great defense and scoring, Ames created a huge lead allowing JV playing time. (photo by Stacey Chung)



# February 21 - 27

CIML Orchestra Festival

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Ames - Career Day

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Des Moines State Wrestling Tournament

Chicago - AP Western Civ. & Art trip to Art Institute of Chicago

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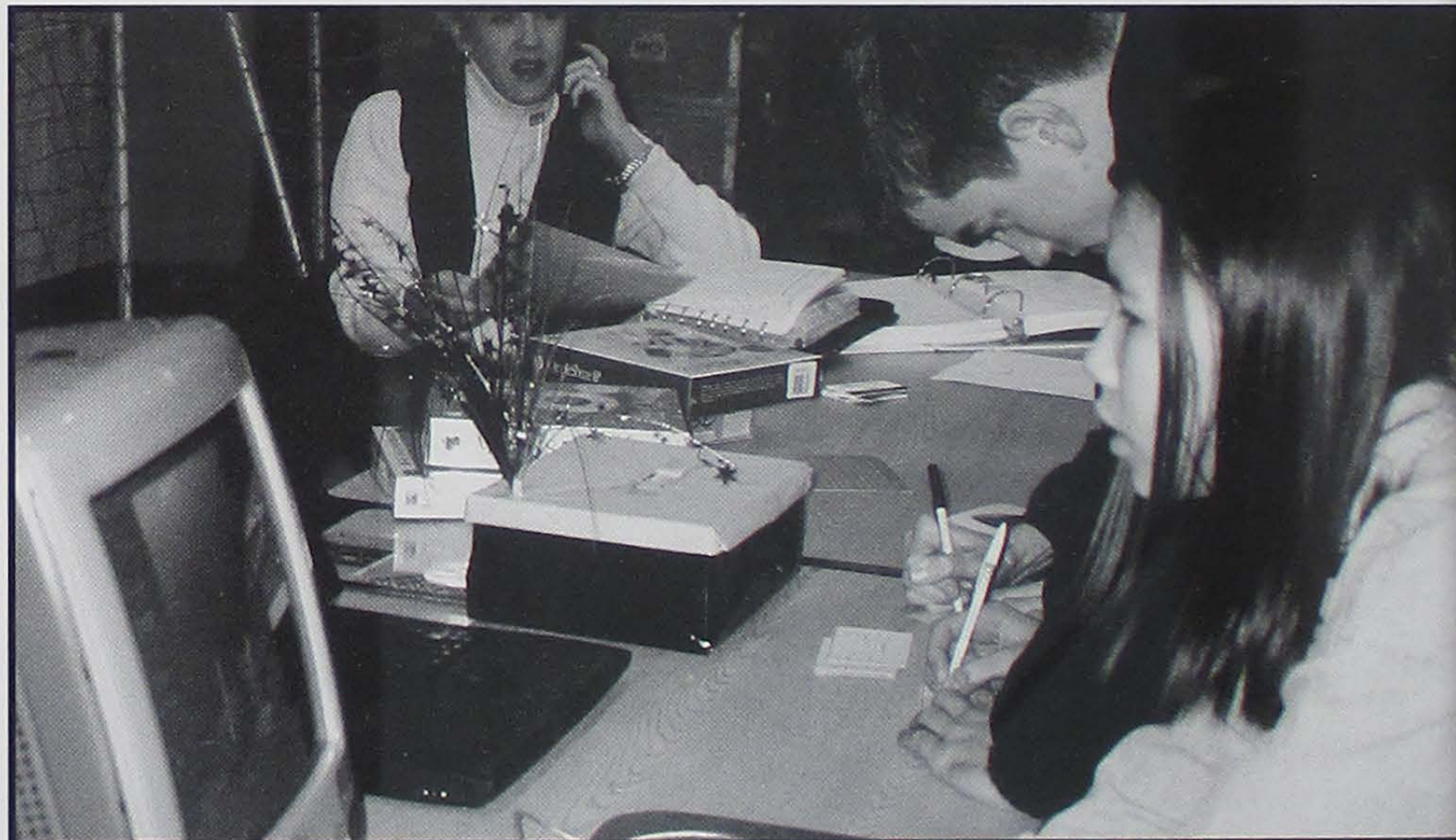
Des Moines State Wrestling Tournament

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Seniors **Garrett Burrier** and **Michael Doran** stand with their proud parents as they are recognized on senior night for varsity basketball. "Being a senior has made basketball more enjoyable this year," Burrier said. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Juniors **Sarah Myers** and **Megan Thomas** perform a mime routine during competition at the state speech contest. "The contest was a lot of fun, and less pressure than I imagined," Myers said. (photo by Stacey Chung)



The Career Fair provided a good opportunity for students to take a look at future job possibilities in different fields. Businesses such as Norwest Bank, Mary Greeley Medical Center and the police department were among the many businesses in attendance. Booths

were set up in the east gym and the I-Tech hallway. Businesses attempted to gain the favor of students with promotional products. "I loved the slap bracelets," sophomore **Kim Schuh** said. "They took me back to elementary school." (photo by Stacey Chung)



# Final Victory

by Sarah Rathert

The 1999 wrestling season came to a close during the state semi-finals at Vets Auditorium in Des Moines. Seniors **Jeff Kinley** and **Ryan Cline**, junior **Brandon Winkey**, and sophomores **Nels Matson** and **John Tucker** were the five qualifiers to attend the state tournament.

To start off the meet, Kinley (145lbs) wrestled to reach the semi-finals and lost. This was the last time that Kinley would ever wrestle. At first Kinley was devastated, but he was able to look on the good side of things.

"The state tournament is what everyone looks forward to at the end of the year," Kinley said. "There are two lines at state, the hot dog line, and the weigh-in line. After I got eliminated, I bought a hot dog."

Tucker (125lbs) made it to the semi-

nals and lost (4-2). This put Tucker at sixth in the state. Being only a sophomore, Tucker had the advantage of avenging his loss in the coming years.

"Yeah, I'm looking forward to my next two years of wrestling. Hopefully I can improve and do even better at state next year," Tucker said.

Nels Matson (130lbs) won his first match in attempt to get to the semi-finals. When it came time for his second match, he lost, eliminating him from placing.

"I was pretty upset at first, but I'm only a sophomore," Matson said. "I've got two years of definite improvement ahead."

Brandon Winkey (135lbs), made it to the semi-finals but lost to Oskaloosa 12-8. He placed fifth in the state.

"I guess I wasn't well enough or

strong enough to do that well at state. I think about that tournament every single day and sometimes can't sleep at night because of it. It's rough watching your dream go down the toilet," Winkey said. "Hopefully the more time that passes, the less it will hurt to think about."

Ryan Cline (160lbs) also made it to the semi-finals and beat Muscatine 9-2. Cline then went on to receive an 8-4 win. Ryan placed third in the state, the highest ranking earned by an Ames wrestler.

"As I stepped onto the mat for my final high school wrestling match, I knew I would come away with a victory," Cline said.

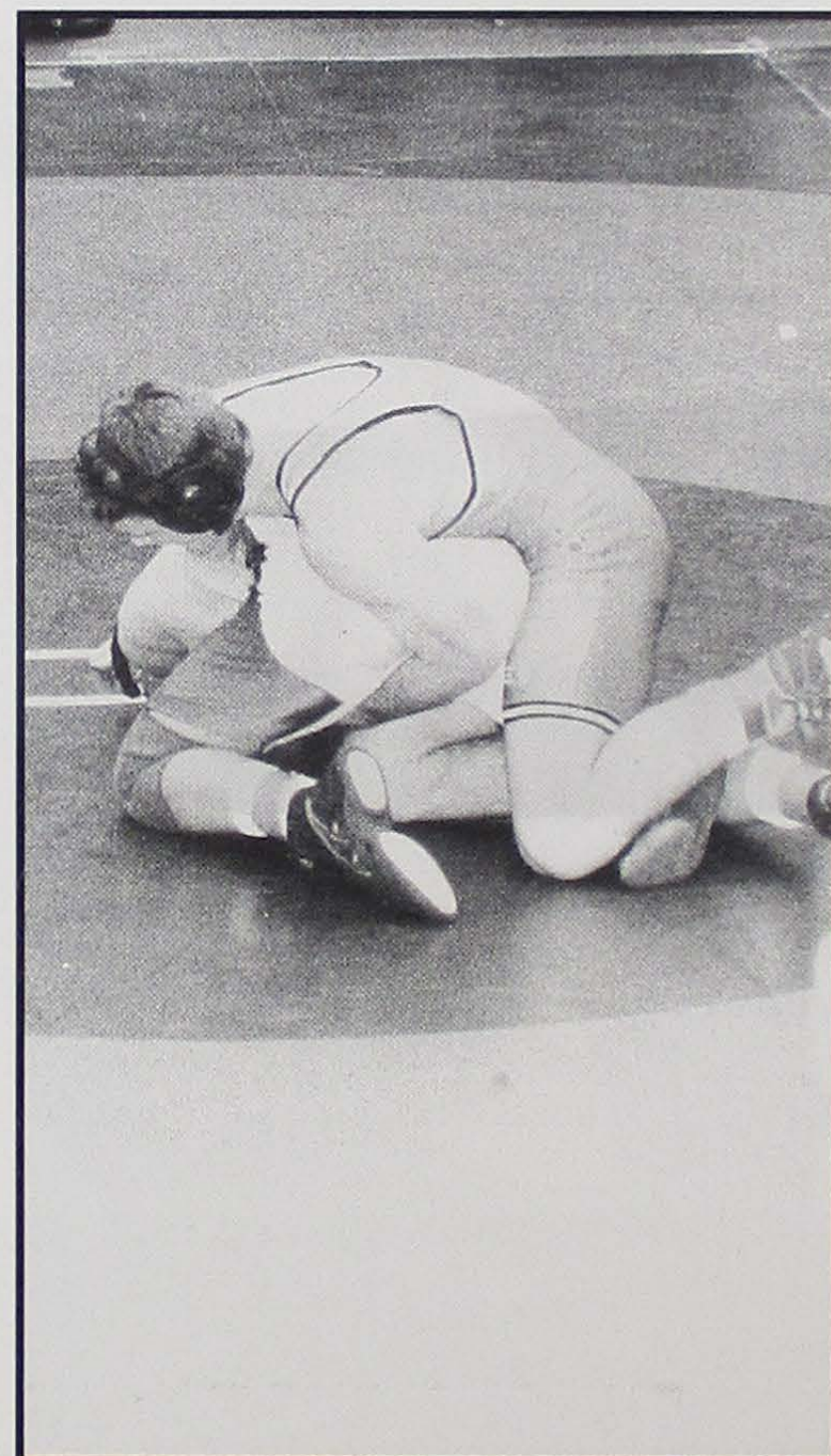
The team put up a good fight. After a long season it was nice to see so many medals. In the end, the hard work and dedication of a strong diverse team earned Ames a proud ranking of eleventh in the state.



Senior **John O'Connell** skates towards the puck to defend Ames' goal at the Senior Night hockey game, which was played against Mason City. The game was lost in overtime, but a great effort was put forth by all seniors. (photo by Brian Tenney)



Cheerleaders and wrestlers hung out in between wrestling matches during the finals at state. "The cheerleaders made this year a blast," sophomore **John Tucker** said. "I'm their number one superman, well I like to tell myself I am." (photo courtesy Sarah Rathert)



Senior **Ryan Cline** wrestles in the first round of the state tournament held at Vets Auditorium in Des Moines on February 24. Cline ranked third in the state at 160lbs. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



# Feb. 28 - March 6

**Des Moines**  
State Wrestling Tournament

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**Nation -**  
Newspapers in Education Week

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**Ames -**  
Jazz Showcase

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**Coe College -**  
Boys' track at Warrior Indoor Invite

**Pella -**  
Girls' track at Central meet

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**Ft. Dodge -**  
CIML Choral Festival

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## BUSINESS MEETS PLEASURE

by Eknath Vittal

Two days and one night of fun and excitement in the great city of Des Moines. Staying at the Hotel Fort Des Moines and dining at Spaghetti Works? Sounds like it's time for DECA state competition. Students from Ames High competed in events and interviews to see who was going to Florida for the national competition.

Over two days, students were tested, interviewed and questioned on their chosen profession. Along with the work, everybody had a tremendous amount of fun. All of the students from Ames High made new friends and had a great time.

"The best thing about state DECA was meeting people and organizing the conference," senior **Stuart Honn** said.

Honn, a state officer, helped make sure that the conference ran smoothly and efficiently.

"I enjoyed being a state officer and having the responsibility of coordinating everything."

**Mr. Darell Abel** coordinates the DECA program at Ames High. "The state

competition is centered around specific jobs such as apparel and accessories, food

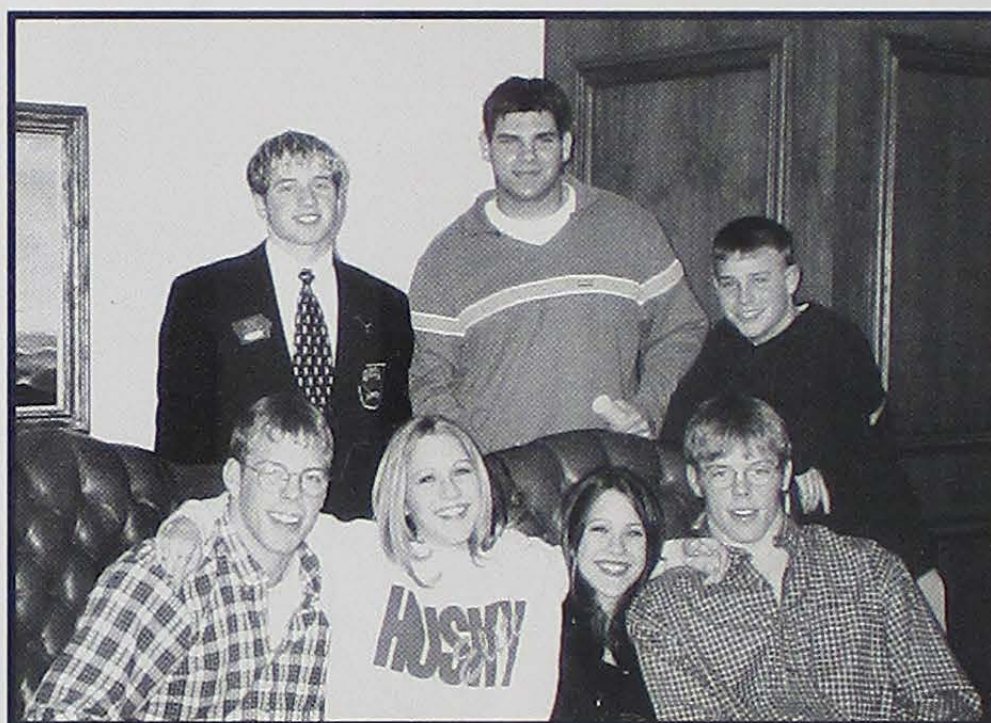
marketing, and general marketing," Mr. Abel said.

"The purpose of the competition was to win a chance to participate in the National Competition by earning a first, second or third place at the state competition."

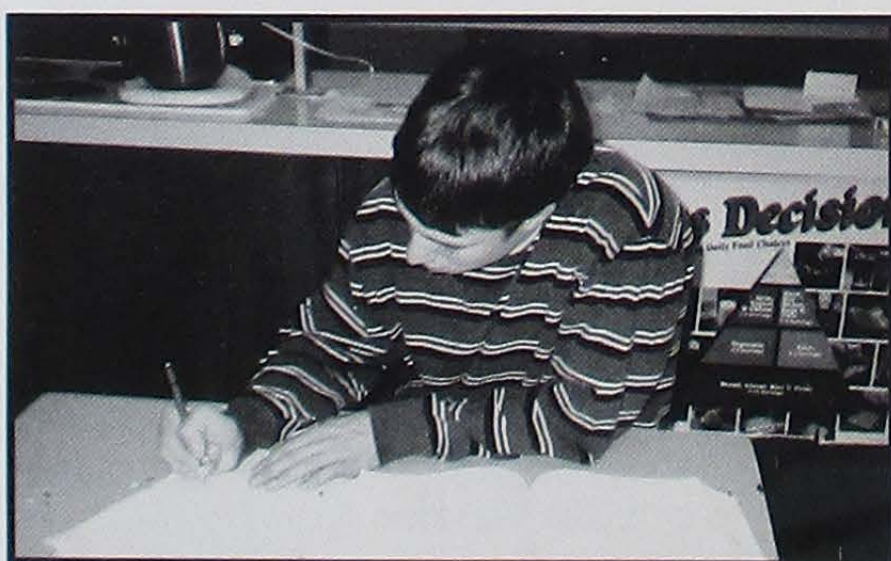
Senior **Meisha Colbert**, the only person from Ames High to get a first, second, or third place, will be going to nationals in Orlando, Florida. Seniors Honn **Abbey Haggert** and junior **Justin Cochran**, all state officers will also be joining Colbert in Florida.

In the end all of their hard work paid off and these students made it to nationals. Even though many did not make it, they still had a great time. Everybody made new friends, had fun and learned something new.

DECA state gave students a chance to showcase their skills and talents. Although some students did not win, they still appreciated the experience and will always remember it.



Seniors Honn, **Nick Rahfaldt**, and **Brian Jensen** make new friends while attending the state meet at the Hotel Fort Des Moines. Each member met new people and had a great time participating in all of the events (courtesy of Brian Jensen)



Senior **Kyle Shilling** works diligently during some independent study time in his class. (photo by Stacey Chung)

Sophomore **Micheal Miller**, juniors **Suzanne Davidson** and **Elizabeth Beavers** pass in the crowded hallways in between classes. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)





Junior **Jacek Pruski** pulls down a defensive rebound as junior **Andy Kohler** knocks down a Boone player to assist him. No foul was called on the play and Ames scored on the

fast break. Ames defeated Boone in their first round of sub-state, and went on to challenge Marshalltown in the second round. (photo by Amy Chung)



Sophomores **Lindsey Erickson**, **Kylan Loney** and **Shelby Junkman**, converse at the lunch table over matters more tasteful than the food. (photo by Amy Chung)



Sophomore **Andy Cross** jumps to take a whack at a hacky sack while playing with classmates **Jasper MacDonald**, **Elliot Dowling** and **Travis Knapp** after lunch. As the weather got nicer more and more students started escaping the drudgery of the cafeteria and began eating lunch outside in the courtyard. The courtyard gave students a chance to go outside, enjoy the weather and get a little fresh air. (photo by Amy Chung)



Members of the jazz band perform a song at the annual Jazz Band Showcase. Jazz band has nineteen members, ranging in grade from

freshman to senior. There were a variety of instruments, including drums and an electric guitar. (photo by Amy Chung)



Seniors **Brenna Dougan** and **Beth Miskimins** take a brisk jog as track season begins. The cold weather prevented the girls from running outside so they simply ran their workouts in the hallways. (photo by Stacey Chung)



# March 7 - 13

**Ames -**  
Welfare Week

**World -**  
International  
Women's Day

**Ames -**  
Welfare Week

**Ames -**  
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**Ames -**  
Variety Show

**Ames -**  
Girls' track at  
ISU

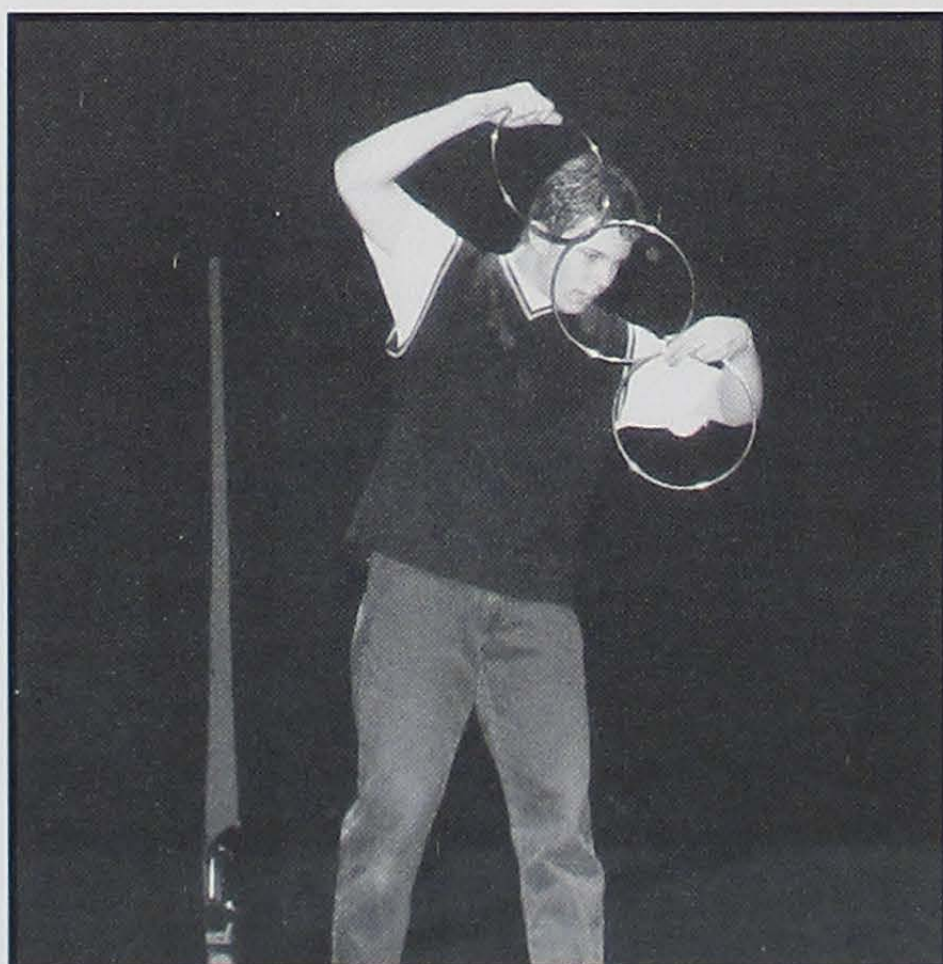
**Ames -**  
Regatta

"I decided to go all out, and I'm pretty impressed that I could out eat some of those teachers," said junior **Annalies van der Valk**, winner of the pie-eating contest. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Many softball players did a skit during the variety show to the song "Like a Prayer" by Madonna. (photo courtesy of Molly McNertney)

Sophomore **Nathan Staniforth** amazes his Variety Show audience with his magical talent. (Photo by Khosravi)



**Tracy Rial**, a behavioral disorder teacher, grabs for the ball at the I-Ball All-Star game on March 11th. Champions of the boys and girls intramural teams made up the All-Stars. These students took-on staff members in a full-court game, held in the last hour of the school day.

Senior commentators **Jafar Azmayesh**, **Nate Hostetter** and junior **Mike O'Connell** kept it interesting for the crowd. The profits of the fifty cent admission went toward Welfare Week totals. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



# Going Bananas

by Jen Oftedal

Welfare Week was a week of continuing past traditions while starting new ones. Student Council encouraged students and teachers to "go bananas" for the event. More than 2,000 dollars for the Emergency Residency Project was raised, making it a success. The money was delivered with a home-made meal of lasagna by Student Council members.

"The week ended up going really well despite the fact that a lot of important people (namely co-president **Claire Gilchrist**) were gone or busy the week before Spring Break," said co-president

**Mary Russell**. "A lot of people on council who hadn't taken the lead before had to step up, and they did a great job."

The jammed packed week focused on student participation, proving to have many ways of getting involved. Events included the third annual Regatta, a home-made boat race. "I felt like I had just won the publishers clearing house," said senior winner **Katie Harker** of her victory.

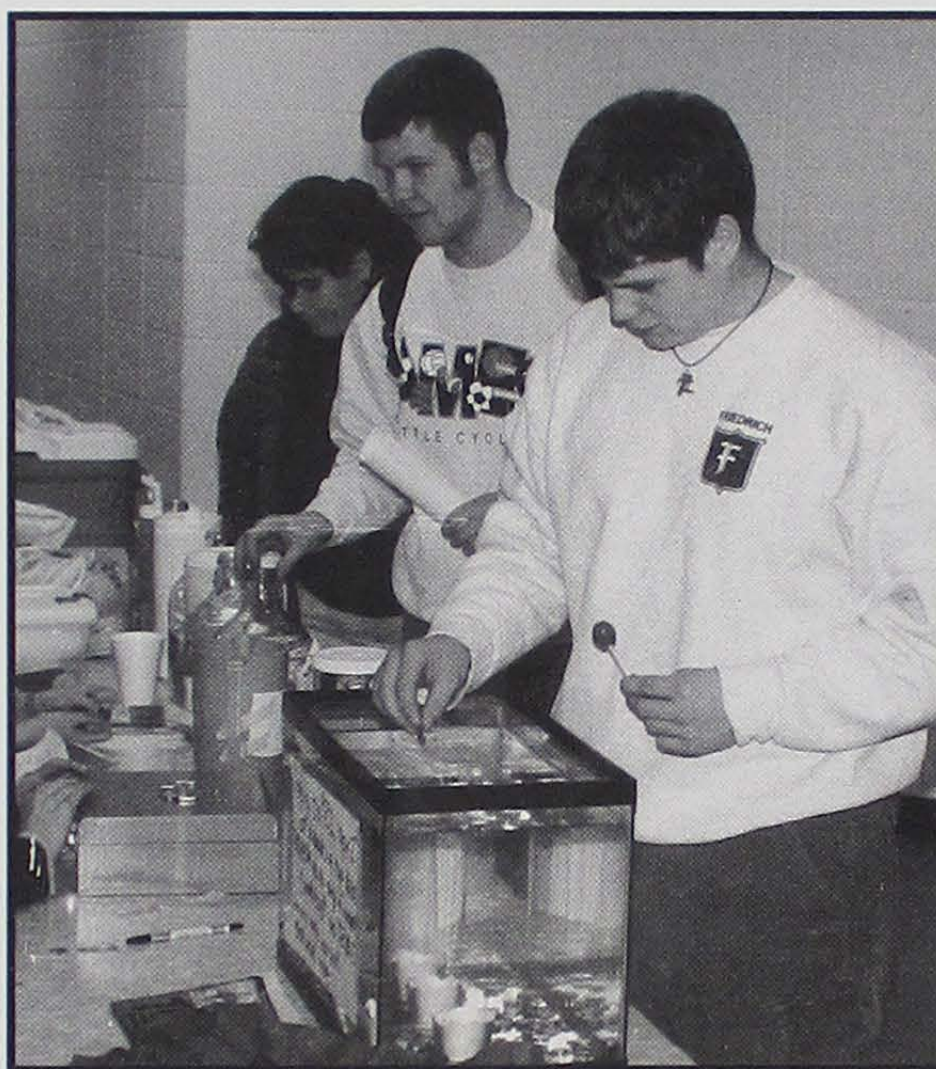
Other students got involved by throwing themselves into the student versus teacher I-ball All-Star game, and a variety show complete with a heart-throb contest

encouraged students to show off their rare and unique talents. "I have done magic since 3rd grade, and had a great time in the show," said sophomore **Nathan Staniforth**.

Perhaps the highlight of the week came in the renewal of a pie eating contest during half time of the I-Ball game. To raise money, the Student Council raffled off a ticket to the lucky winner who would have the opportunity to throw a pie in the face of "celebrity guest" and sophomore biology teacher, **Kirk Schmaltz**. He didn't mind being a good sport for the event. "It was a small thing to do for people who are a lot worse off," Schmaltz said.



Sophomore **Sarah Wakefield** worked on making peanut butter cookies during Foods class. Students found Foods to be one of the prime choices for an elective. The class was also a great way to get rid of the munchies, or just to pig out. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Sophomores **Elliot Dowling** and **Brian Clark** show their enthusiasm by placing quarters to vote for their favorite teachers and students to participate in the pie eating contest. The chance to throw a pie in the face of sophomore biology teacher **Mr. Schmaltz** was also raffled off. (Photo by H. Khosravi)



Sophomore Erica Lynn crowns **Jafar Azmayesh** Mr. Heartthrob during the Variety Show Thursday night. Heartthrob contestants won student cheers through a number of unique competitions ranging from pig calls to a dance off. (Photo by Houdy Khosravi)



## Change on the Field

By Lindsay Van Fleet

People in the community, especially students and staff, were surprised when **Mr. Daddow** resigned as head coach for the varsity football team. Daddow explained the position was tiring.

"I coached football here for 17 years. After a while the job became wearing on me. It took a lot out of me. I will, though, continue to teach until they drag me out. I'm not ready to retire yet," Mr. Daddow said.

Mr. Daddow feels that the community has given him a lot of positive attention.

"It's a very visible job. I have had a lot of people say really nice things about me, and I would like to think that they were true," Daddow said.

Students and especially players seem

to share the same opinion on his decision.

"No one knows how much he meant to all of us. He was more than a coach, he was like a second dad," junior **Nate Booth** said.

"I'd have to say his retirement kind of shocked me. Coach Daddow is a powerful, influential, and inspirational man. Without him, I am not sure what football will be like," junior **Adam Crumpton** said.

The decision to resign was not one that Mr. Daddow has taken lightly.

"This is a big change in my life. I think that next year, I won't handle it well. The football team, though, is in fine shape and it will be no matter who's in charge," Daddow said.

Daddow will be missed on the sidelines but all are looking forward to seeing him in the stands.

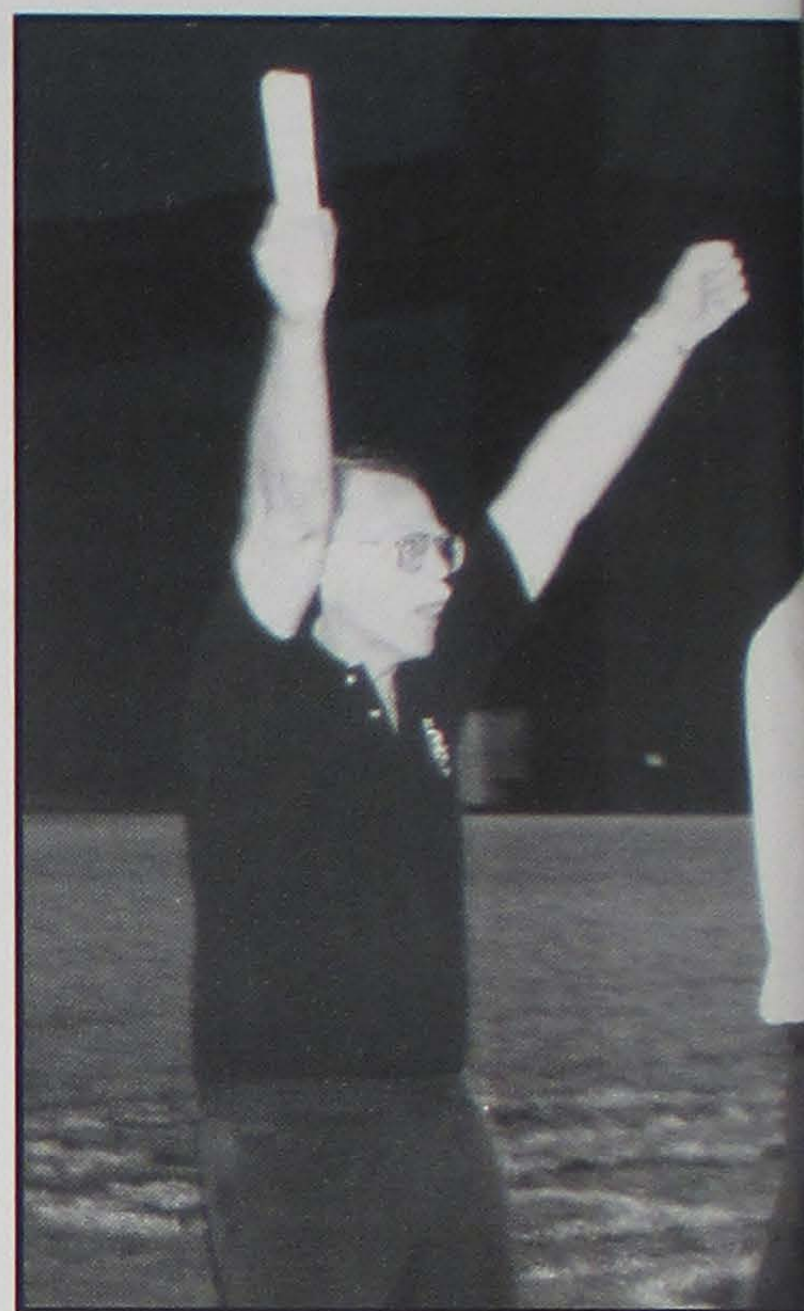
The Regatta, made up of four homemade boats, crossed the finish line Friday night, ending Welfare Week with a splash. "All the minutes put into the boat had finally paid off," junior **Ben Stark** said of his victory. (Photo by Stacey Chung)



Seniors **Jeff Hitchings** and **Brad Larsen** show off their voyager spirit in their homemade Viking boat during the Regatta. (Photo by Stacey Chung)



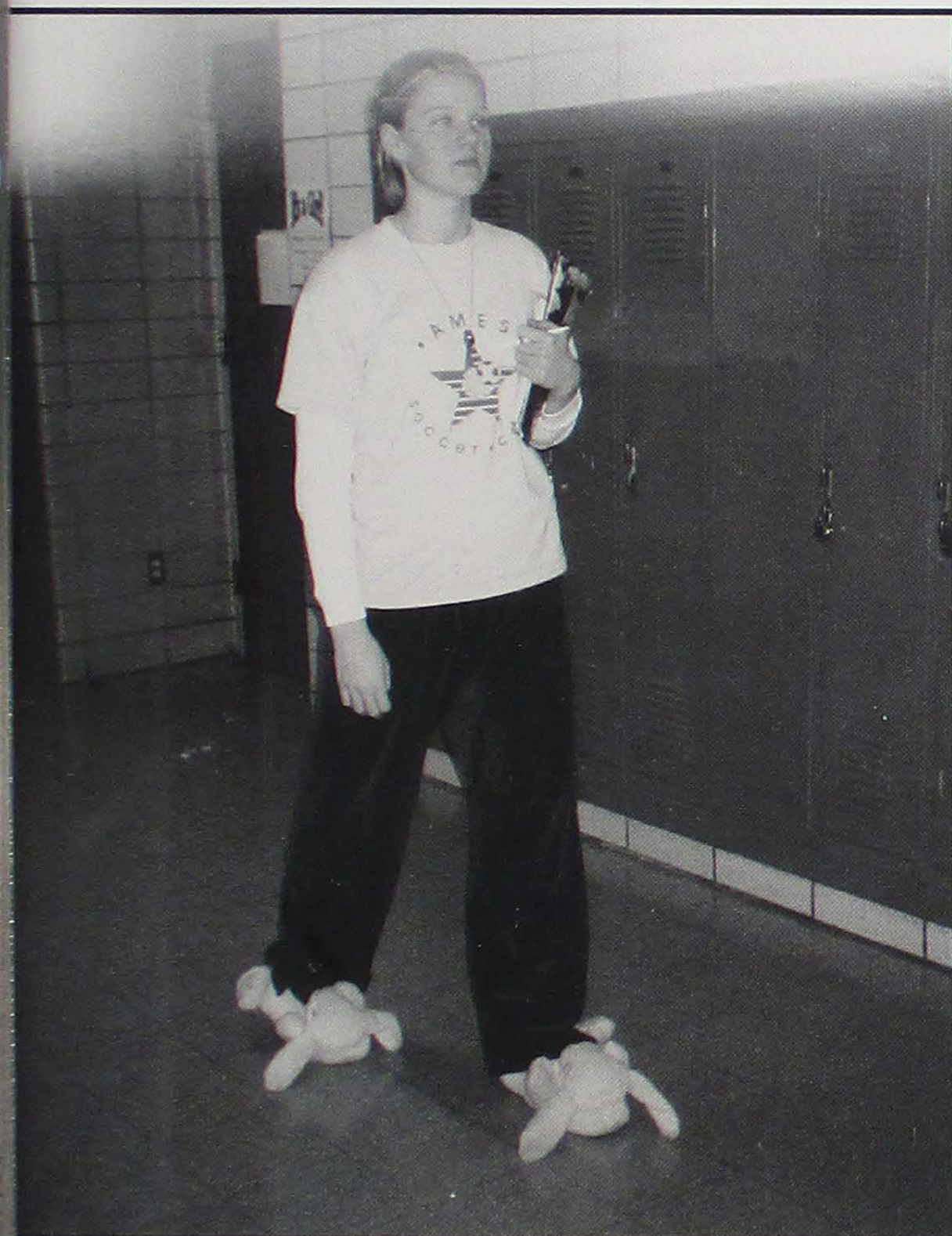
During **Kirk Daddow's** seventeen years coaching he had many reasons to applaud. Whatever the results of each individual game Daddow never failed to support his team with enthusiasm and encouragement. (Photo Mandi Hardy)



Sophomore **Michael Miller** participates in the slam dunk contest during the half time of the I-Ball All-Star game during Welfare Week. (Photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Freshman **Kiley Rebarcak** showed off her stylin' PJ's for Welfare Week. Surprisingly, not many people took advantage of the day. "Nobody really participated," said junior **Chrisy Hayes**. "In fact, I didn't even know there were dress-up days for Welfare Week." (photo by Houdi Khosravi)



Sophomore **Lori Bennett** takes care of two dress-up days in one. Bennett dressed in her pajamas for PJ day and wore a yellow T-shirt which supported the theme for Welfare Week...GO BANANAS!!! (photo by Stacey Chung).

## GONE ABROAD



Seniors in the Spanish IV classes were given the chance to travel to Spain and live with a native family for two weeks, before and during Spring Break. "It was a fun and cultural experience," senior **Brenna Dougan** said. Although many found the experience enlightening and infor-

mative, some had trouble adjusting to a new culture. "My host was obsessed with the Backstreet Boys!" Dougan said. "Every morning I had to wake up to 'Backstreet's Back'! And the walls were covered with posters of them! It was awful!" (photo courtesy of Brenna Dougan)



# March 14 - 20

**Ames -**  
Girls Youth  
Basketball  
Tournament

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**Ames -**  
Spring Break,  
No School

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Spring Break,  
No School

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Spring Break,  
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## *Trips and More*

by Erin Martin

This year's spring break officially began on March 12, 1999. For most students though, it didn't seem like much of a break. Teachers couldn't seem to let up on the homework to give the students one week of freedom. They loaded on the homework in all subjects.

Yet some students still managed to get away from Ames for at least a little bit. Students traveled across the United States, and even overseas. A large group of students traveled to Europe for the Spain trip, while other students went on trips to Florida.

"Me and three of my friends went to Sanibel, Florida," senior **Angie Salvo** said. "It was a blast. I have never had so much fun in my life." Other students vacationed

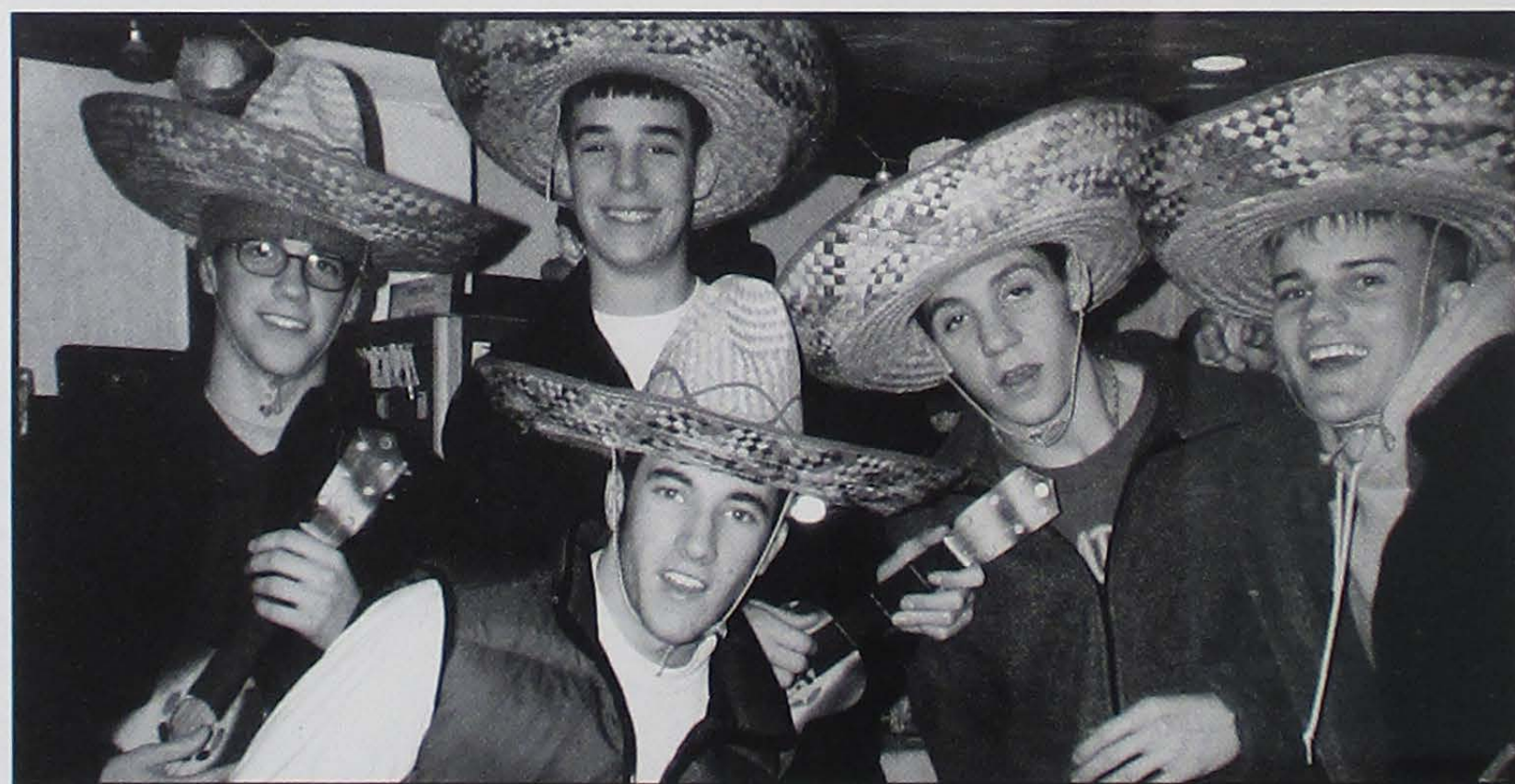
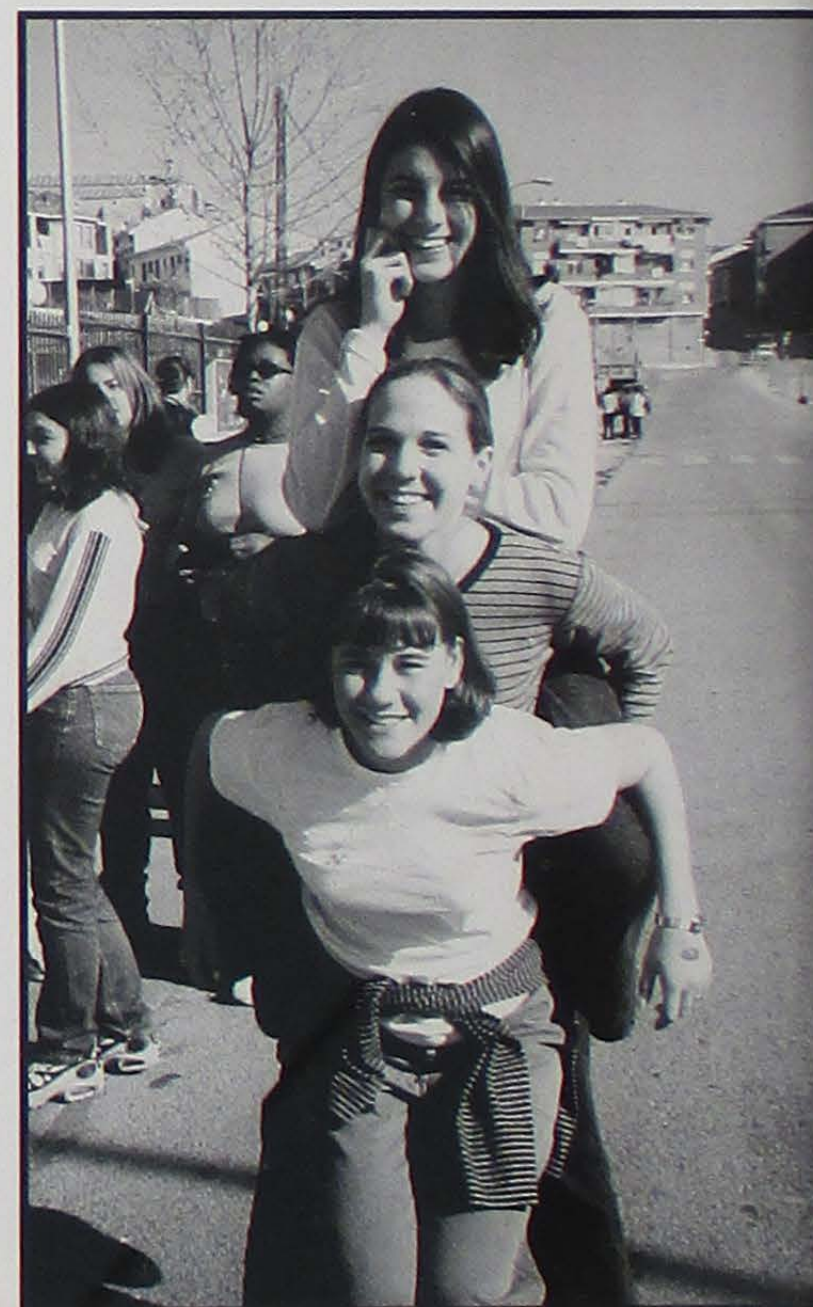
to more traditional spots.

"I went to the Grand Canyon," sophomore **Nate Staniforth** said. "We saw where one guy fell off the cliff. That was pretty cool. But, the best part by far was the airplane bathrooms."

Not all students flew to their final destinations though. Some took a nice long drive and had time to bond with family members. "I drove to Minneapolis with my family and a friend's family," sophomore **Katie Naeve** said. "By the time we got there, we were all about to kill each other."

Spring break trips were a series of ups and downs. Fortunately everyone made it back to school for another fun filled week of school.

Sophomore **Erin Martin** and her little brother Dominique take in the sights at The Plaza in Kansas City during spring break. The Plaza is modeled after a traditional Spanish City, complete with fountains and buildings. (photo courtesy of Erin Martin)



Juniors **Curt McGeeney, Jonathan Hoyt, Andy Kohler, Ryan Hutchison** and **Dan Burrow** have a little too much fun with their sombreros and toy guitars

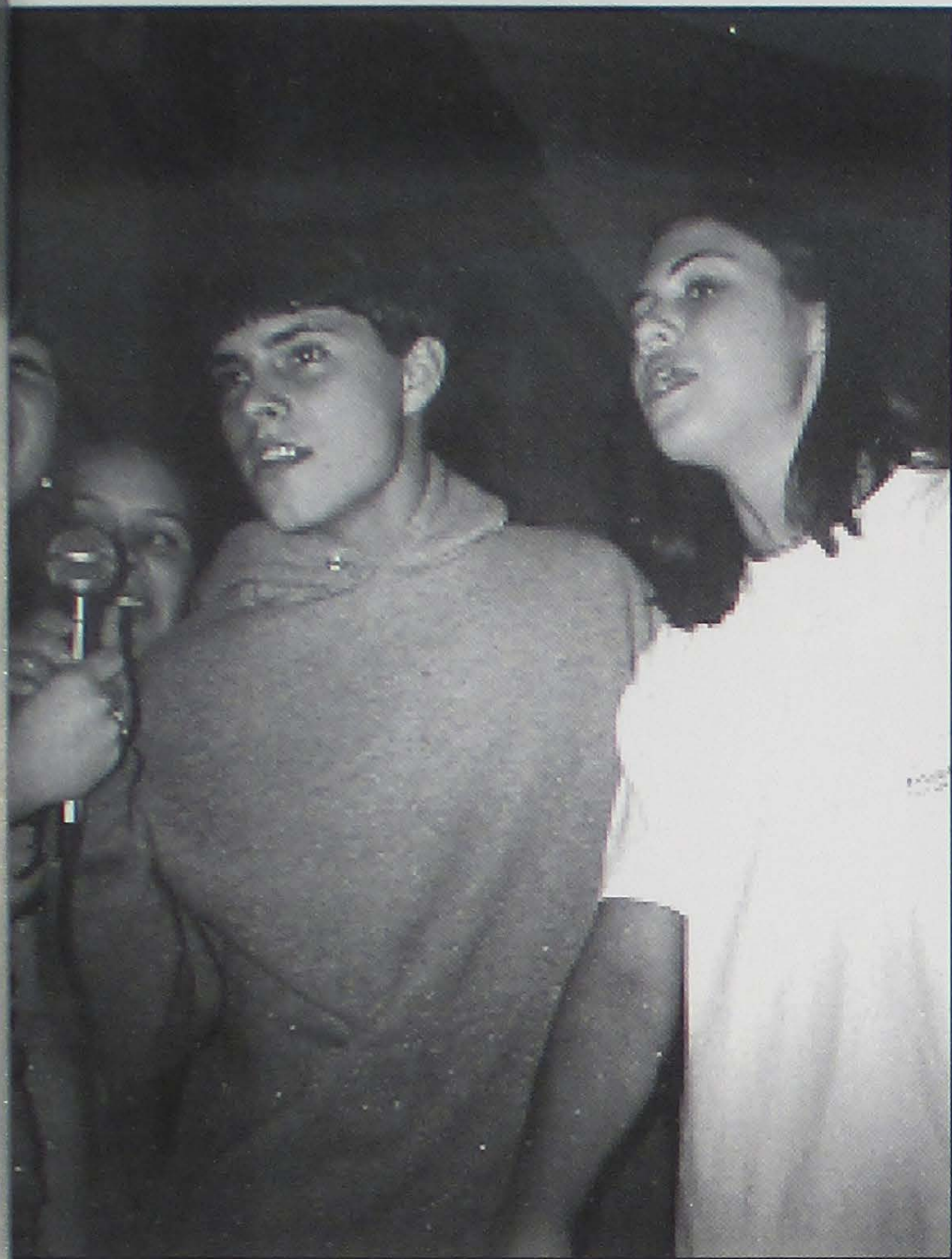
on their spring break in Colorado. Students enjoyed weekends of skiing and snowboarding on spring break. (photo courtesy of Andy Kohler)

Seniors **Heidi McElroy, Mary Jischke** and **Taylor Anderson** enjoy their spring break in another country. Many students traveled across the ocean to get away from boring Iowa life. (photo courtesy of Heidi McElroy)

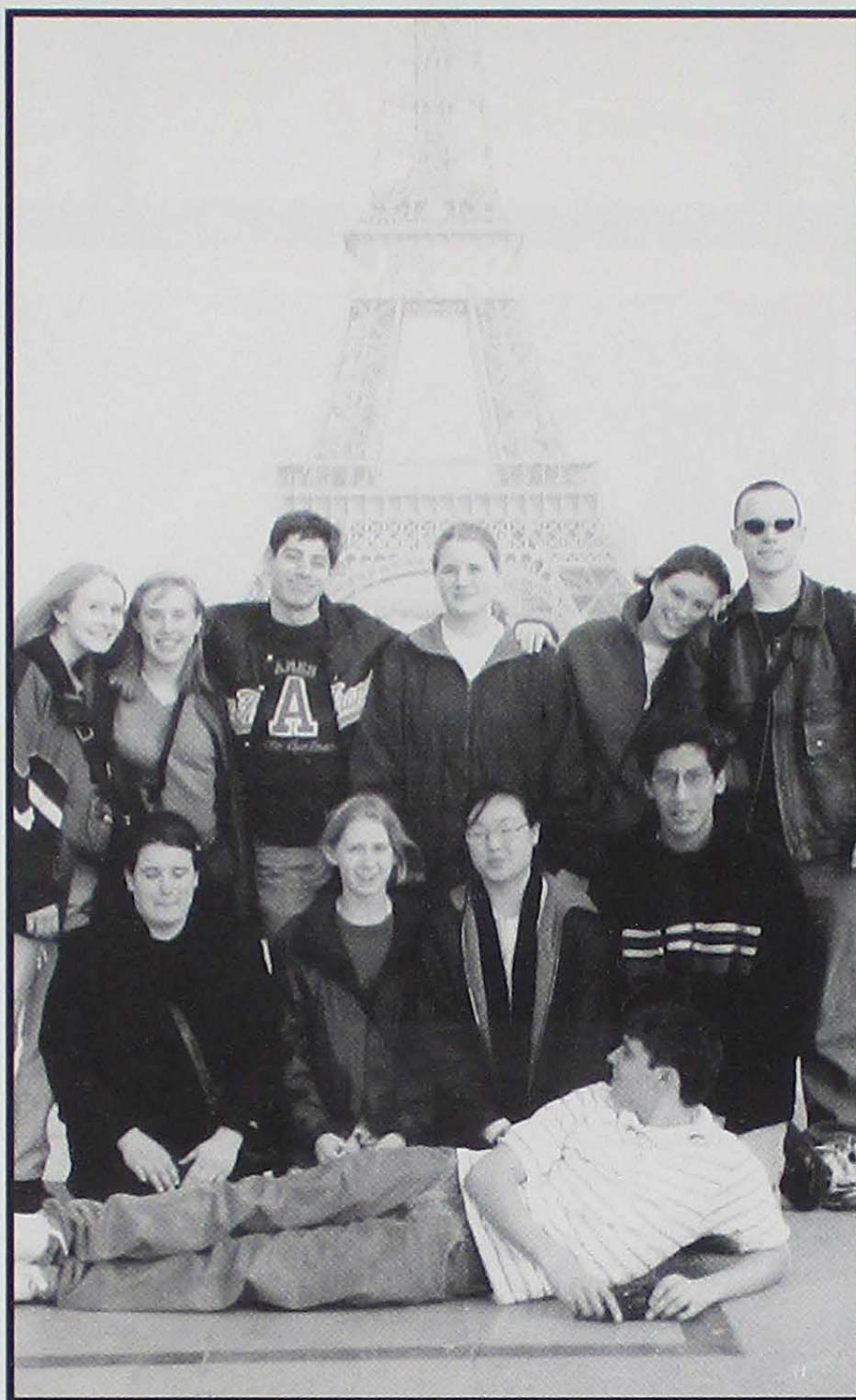


Seniors **Erik Guffy** and **Tanya Webb** sing at one of the many discotechs they visited along with their German counterparts during their spring break. Discotechs were clubs in which young people sang, danced, and had a good time. Along with

the discotechs they visited many famous sights in Germany. Students in German IV made the annual trip to Germany, stayed with various families, and had a small taste of German culture. (photo courtesy of Adam Diesberg)



Seniors **Adam Diesberg**, **Brent Koppenhaver**, and **Aaron Weiss** had a blast in Germany. (photo courtesy of Adam Diesberg)



Seniors **Allison Holm**, **Pamela Madsen**, **Beth Miskimins**, **Luke Healy**, **Kearny McHugh**, **Elizabeth Nelson**, **Eugena Song**, and **Daniel Fernandez-Baca**, and juniors **Allysa Harmon**, **Danny Rothchild** and **Ian Bruner** relax in front of Paris' Eiffel Tower while on the French Trip. (photo courtesy of Luke Healy)



Juniors **Steve Johnson**, **Nicole Olson**, **Ben Wendel**, **Danielle Cain** and **Tim Distler** relax in the hottub after a tiring day

of skiing the mountain in Breckenridge, Colorado during spring break. (photo courtesy of Nicole Olson)



Juniors **Amber Roberts** and **Sarah Rathert** relax from their day on the Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri and go miniature golfing under the blazing sun. (photo courtesy Sarah Rathert)



# March 21 - 27

**Ames -**  
Spring Break,  
No School

**Ames -**  
Boys Youth  
Basketball  
Tournament

**Ames -**  
Boys' soccer,  
1st practice

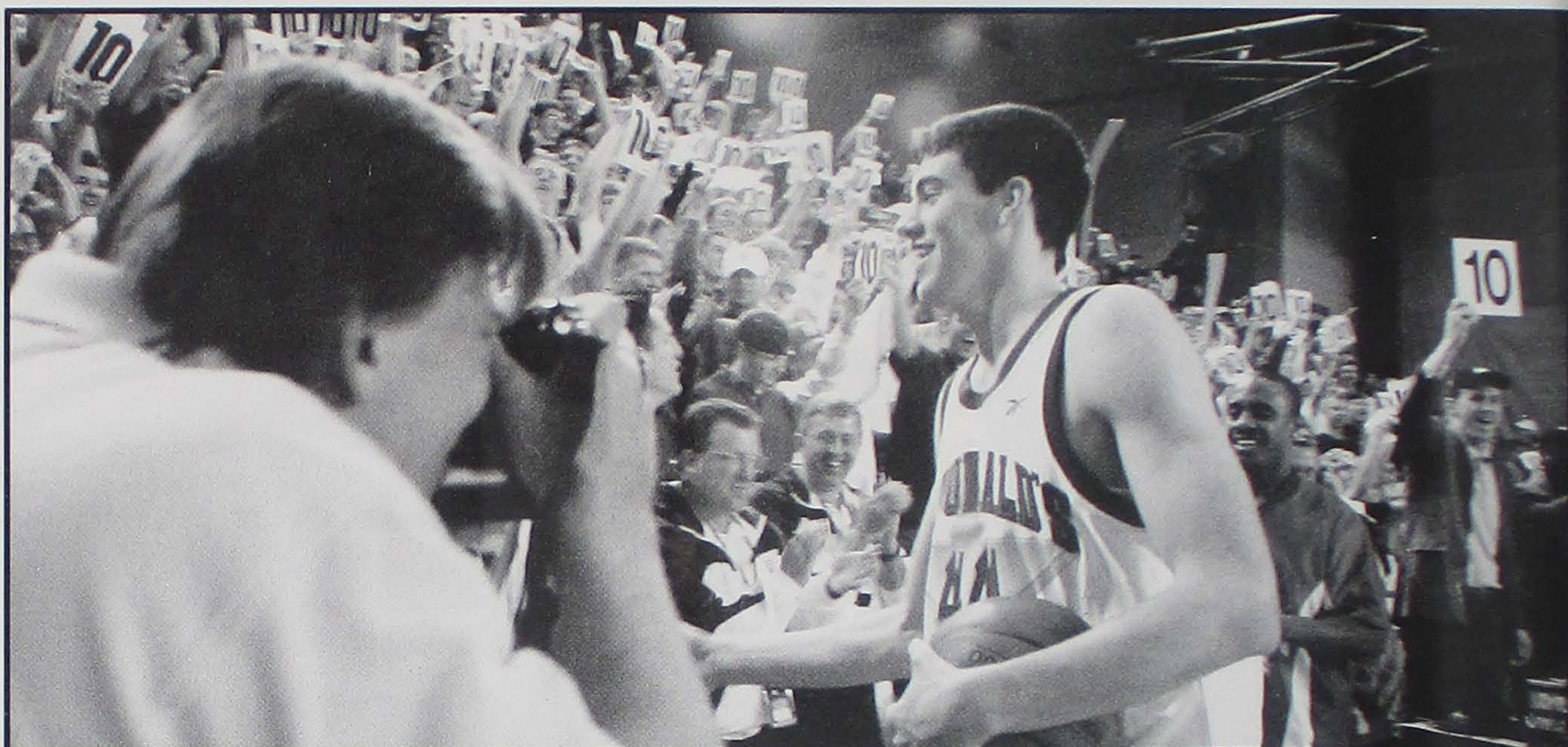
**Ames -**  
Tennis, 1st  
practice

**Ames -**  
Solo/Duet  
Contest  
Recital

**Ames-**  
End 3rd  
Quarter

**Ames -**  
Solo/En-  
semble  
Contest at  
ISU

Iowa Falls senior **Nick Collison** accepted congratulations after an impressive dunk from the crowd at the McDonalds' All-American 3-point and slam dunk contest which took place at the high school. The nations leading high school basketball players came to Ames to take part in the event. (photo by Jeff Christian)



Freshman **Ian Chidister** performs his saxophone duet with freshman **Nick Redmond**. Many musicians participated in the yearly solo-ensemble contest. (Photo by Amy Chung)



Sometimes the five minute passing period just wasn't enough. The over-crowded halls of Ames High became clogged with over 1,700 students and their over-stuffed backpacks.

Groups in the front and back lobbies often overflowed into the nearby hallways, causing major problems for their peers trying to get to their next class. (Photo by Lydia Van Horn)



# Staying Focused

By Lindsay VanFleet and Jen Oftedal

If there was one thing that the girls' tennis team was excited about this year, it was the tennis courts. This year was the first year that the tennis team didn't have to travel to Brookside Park for their meets.

"People came to our meets because it was conveniently located at the high school for the first time ever. It was good to have the support," junior **Elizabeth Beavers** said.

The tennis team set many goals for their season. They are striving for state as well as to play their best at each meet of the season.

The girls tennis team also keeps close by having team dinners. Many of the girls also get

together during the off-season to practice.

"The people are awesome and the food is scrumptious," senior **Megan Sweeney** said.

Sophomore **Laura Carlyle** agrees.

"The tennis team this year is very young, but really close. There really is no age separation," Carlyle said.

The girls tennis coach, **Len Thiede**, motivates his team to do their best.

"Mr. Thiede is a great guy -lots of experience and good advice," Beavers said.

The team lost two senior players, **Naomi Slutzki** and **Shannon Floyd**. Both Slutzki and Floyd had played tennis for the last three

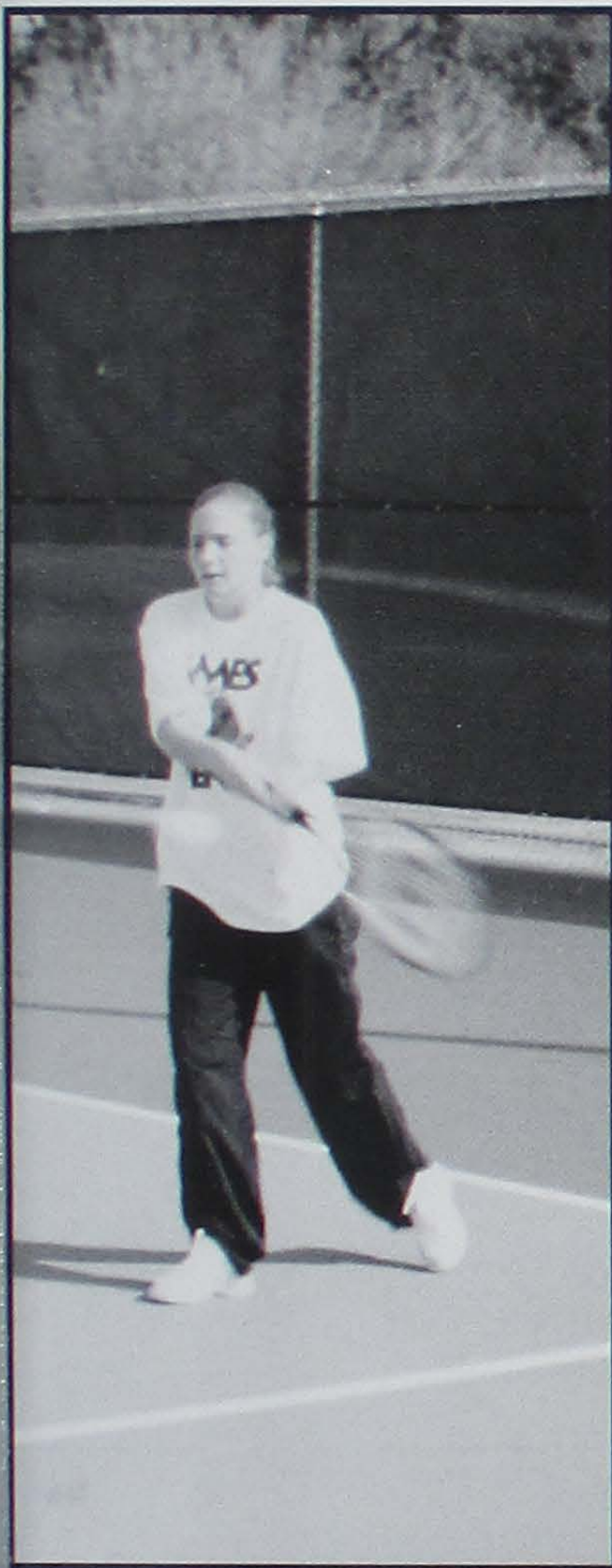
years. The team received new leadership, though, with the addition of seniors **Molly McNertney** and **Sarah Osmundson** to the team.

"It's a lot better than track. I have a lot of fun. There is so much team unity. Everyone gets along really well," Osmundson said.

Even with the great leadership and team unity, there were still challenges to overcome.

"The hardest part of tennis for me is not getting mad at myself. I try to keep focused," Carlyle said.

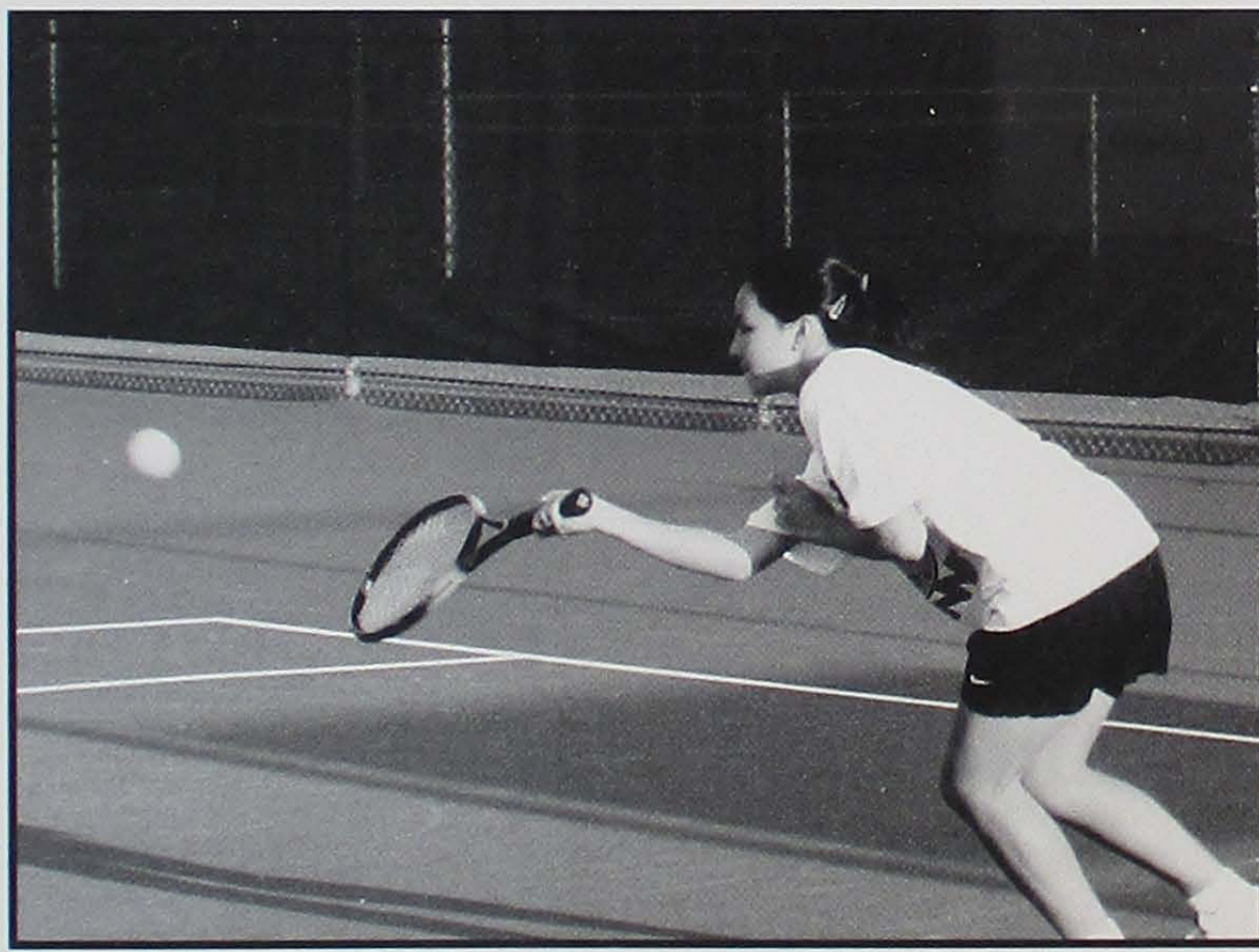
"Staying mentally tough without breaking too many rackets," Sweeney said.



Sophomore **Amy Bappe** returns an overhand from her Roosevelt opponent with a backhand. Bappe played number six varsity singles. (Photo by Houdy Khosravi)



Senior **Megan Sweeney** uses her powerful backhand to return her opponents serve while playing against Roosevelt. Ames won their first match 8-3, starting off the season on a positive note. This was their first meet played on the new tennis courts. "The courts were absolutely gorgeous and people actually came to our meets! Wow!" Sweeney said. (Photo by Stacey Chung)



Freshman **Amanda Yeung** approaches the net for a half volley. "I hope this season is a good one for the whole team. We should be a pretty strong

team," Yeung said. With only 2 returning seniors, the underclassmen had to step up to help their team meet their goals. (Photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Sarah Osmundson** talks with doubles partner **Amanda Yeung**. "Everyone on the team was super nice," Osmundson said. (Photo by Houdy Khosravi)

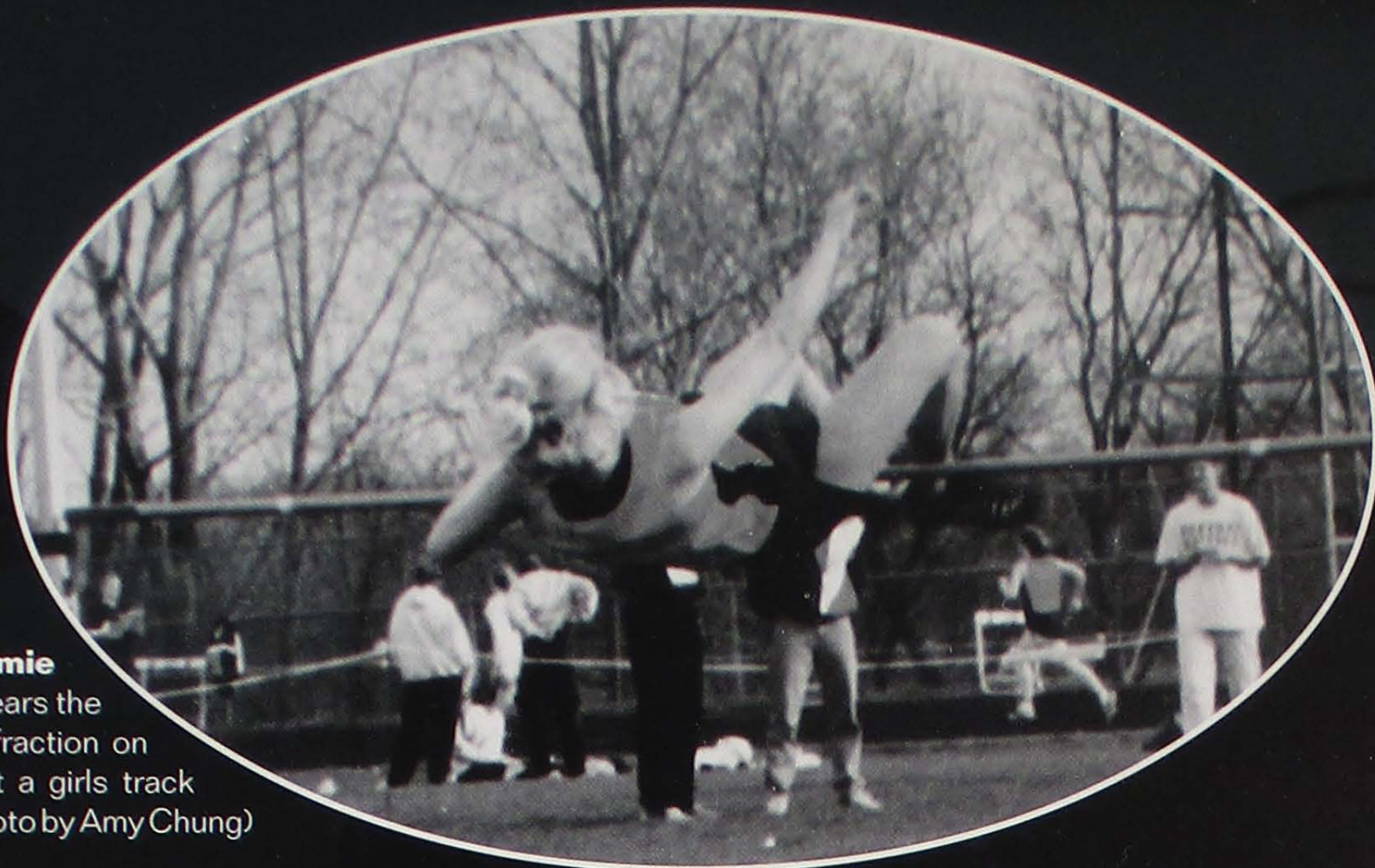


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locker room.  
senior

awards night. senior parties. senior open houses.  
baccalaureate. commencement. folf  
regionals. summer sports  
kick off. soccer. baseball.  
state track.  
finals.

4th Quarter





Senior **Jamie Some** clears the bar by a fraction on an inch at a girls track meet. (photo by Amy Chung)



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spring play, *The Birds* listen as plans  
for the birds to take over  
the world are revealed. (photo  
by Stacey Chung)

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# Finishing Strong

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# March 28 - April 3

S	Ames - Boys' track vs. Ankeny	Ames - Spring Sports Kick-Off	W	Ankeny - Girls' track  Nation April Fool's Day	Ames - Band concert	Cedar Rapids - Girls' track at Cedar Rapids Invite
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## Doing What We Do Best

by Nicole Olson

After a week of pure hell; tests, quizzes, book reports, research projects, who wants to study some more? Not us! We need to have some excitement. The definition of a teenager spells out party addicts. So naturally that's what we will do in our spare time.

"Throughout the course of a weekend I like to dabble into every facet of a teenager's life -- sleeping, eating, partying, and strategic games, etc.," junior **Chip Wandling** said.

So where do students hang? Being a small town in the center of Iowa, at first guess, one would suspect helping out on the farms. Yet, as tempting as the smell of cow manure is, we usually stick to paved roads and inner town action.

"It varies from week to week, but we usually get together at someone's house and hang out for the whole weekend. I go bowling a lot, and I go to Gregory's to get coffee. I skip

church a lot too," freshman **Tony Heyes** said.

Since Ames is a college town, students have the opportunity to experience college life by living off the excitement that is offered to the college students, like concerts.

"I go to whatever concert is in town, even if I don't know who they are," freshman **Erin McCuskey** said.

On the more rebellious side, students often get together to relax and release tension with the help of substances other than water and bread.

"On weekends I drink the equivalent of my bodyweight," junior **Phil Christianson** said.

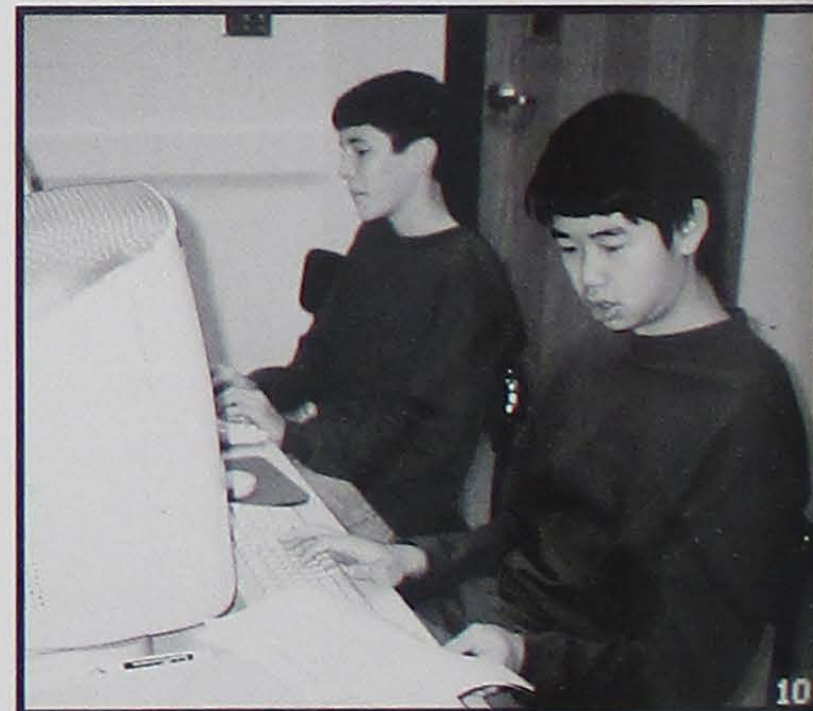
"Nothing but clean-cut fun," senior **Kevin Huls** said.

It's true, school can be a bore, but students make up for it on the weekends. How else do you think we survive four long years of

## Top 10 Choices to do during a weekend

1. Hang out at friends
2. Party
3. "Watch a movie"
4. Attend AHS athletic event
5. Bugsy's Dance Club in Des Moines
6. Sample assorted beverages
7. Play Nintendo 64
8. Go to or rent a movie
9. Hang out at Gregory's
10. Concerts

Junior **Patrick Finn** and sophomore **Laura Wilson** spend their free time mounting reindeers for a quick laugh. Yeah, it looks pointless and childish, but they had fun. (photo by Stacey Chung)

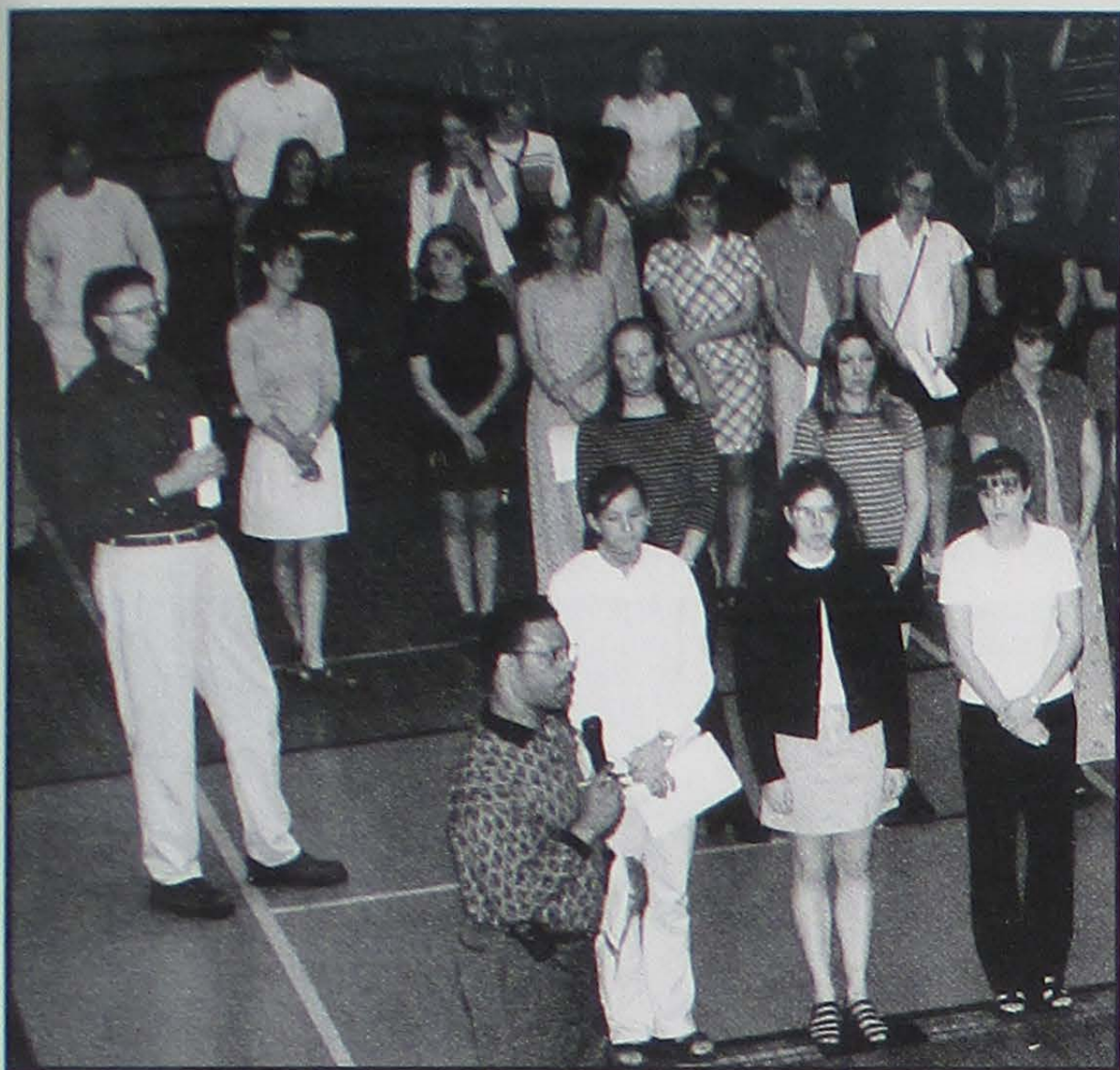


Sophomores **Kejing Wang** and **Philip Vega** chose to break away from their study halls, and kick back to surf the net. Surfing the net during free periods became very common among underclassmen, confined to study halls. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Coach **Wanye Clinton** introduces members of the Ames High girls track team at the Spring Sports Kick Off. The

annual event is the starter to the spring sports season. (photo by Stacey Chung)



The Kick-Off allowed the academic letter and all conference winners to be introduced and recognized. Members of the girls track team stand in

line as they are introduced. Students were introduced by sport and all wished to have great seasons. (photo by Stacey Chung)

## Run and Jump



Sophomore **Julie Reger** takes a deep breath after taking first in the 3000 meter run (top). This event is usually referred to as one of the hardest events on the track. Senior **Jaime Soma**

clears the bar at 4'8 on her first attempt and continued on to win the event with a jump of 4'10. The team also won the meet without much trouble. (photos by Tonja Brooks)



# April 4 - 10

**World -**  
Easter

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**Ames -**  
9th/10th girls'  
track, Ames  
Invite

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**Des Moines**  
Tennis vs.  
Roosevelt

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**Newton -**  
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track

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**Des Moines**  
Boys' soccer  
vs. Dowling

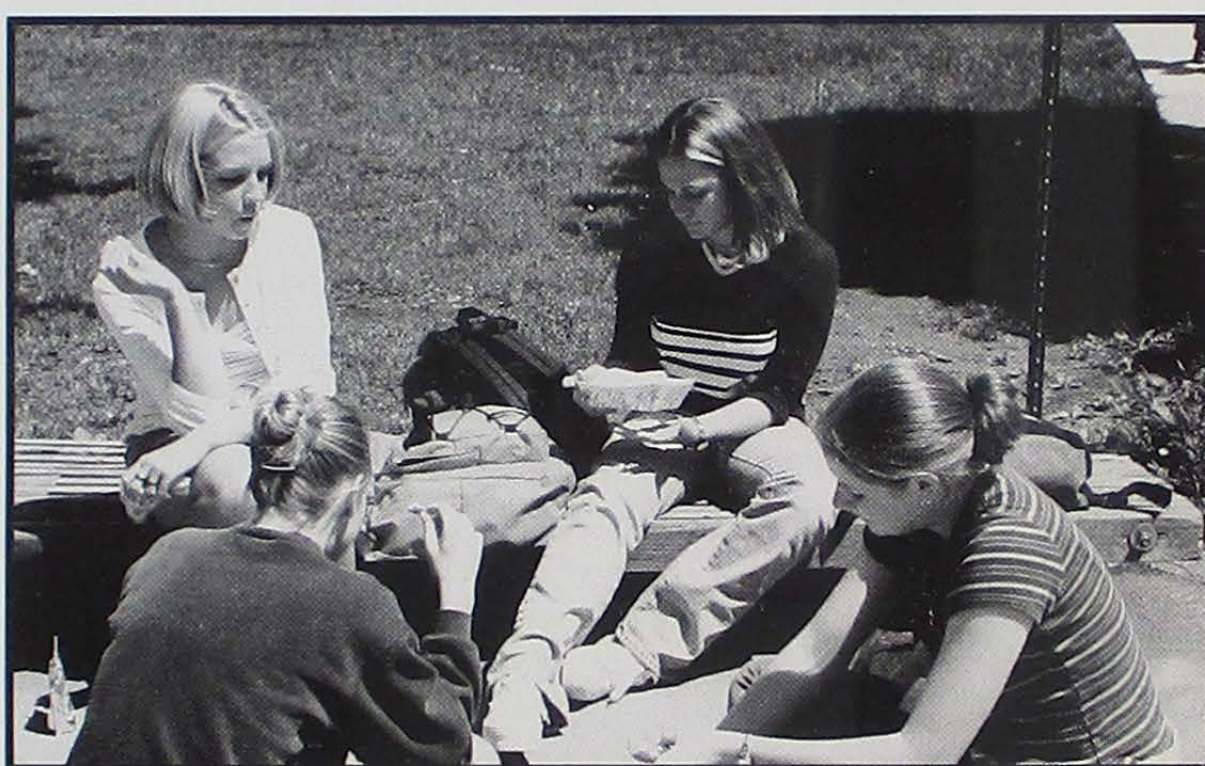
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**Ames -**  
Prom

**Indianola -**  
Girls' track,  
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Invite

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Seniors **Katie Doyle** and **Jessica Wray** spend quality time together as graduation is only a month away. (photo courtesy of Katie Doyle)



Freshmen girls gather around their nachos and regain energy for the rest of the day. (photo by Stacey Chung)

Juniors **Megan Flaws** and **Lindsay Burhenn** stretch before track practice. (photo by Houdy Khisravi)



Underclassmen flock to the courtyard for lunch one of the few nice days in April. Not only does nice weather allow students to breathe

fresh air during the school day, but it frees up tables in the otherwise crowded cafeteria. (photo by Stacey Chung)



# Abel...A Friend and a Teacher

by Brian Jensen

"Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend."

Many seniors in high school were at a point in their lives when they needed someone to guide and help them, without out seeming like they were being pushed. **Mr. Abel** was the kind of teacher who did exactly that. He was more than a teacher, he was our friend. He guided forty DECA seniors in his last year of teaching, to become outstanding and independent young women and men. He was always willing to help even the laziest of us, and busiest of us to find jobs. "I have a busy schedule, but Abel found me a job at Brown's Shoes that fit my schedule," senior **Garret Burrier** said.

Mr. Abel was a very good teacher be-

cause he gave us the opportunity to be creative. He didn't tell us there was only one way to something, he let us do it our way. "He was a great business teacher for us," senior **Matt Fowles** said, "I think we are more prepared for the real world thanks to him."

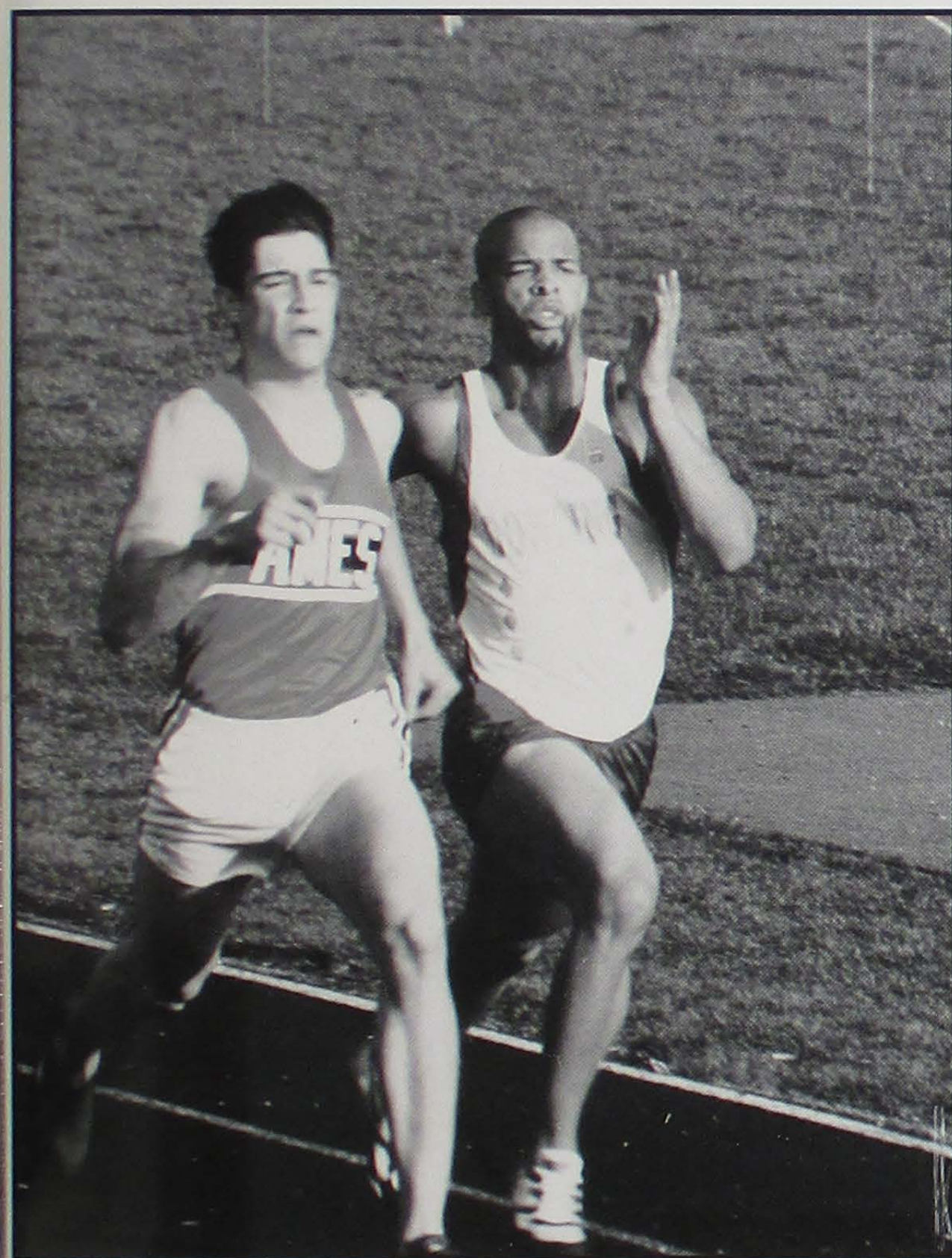
He was always willing to help any of us, with any problem, even if it had nothing to do with school. "If I was sad, Abel would ask me what was wrong and try to cheer me up," senior **Abbey Carter** said.

Mr. Abel, who was known to his students as just "Abel" will stay in the community and run a snow cone shop at Twentieth Century Bowling. So, we will as privledged students, continue to see Abel walking beside us just being our friend. Ames High isn't only losing a great teacher, but a great friend as well.



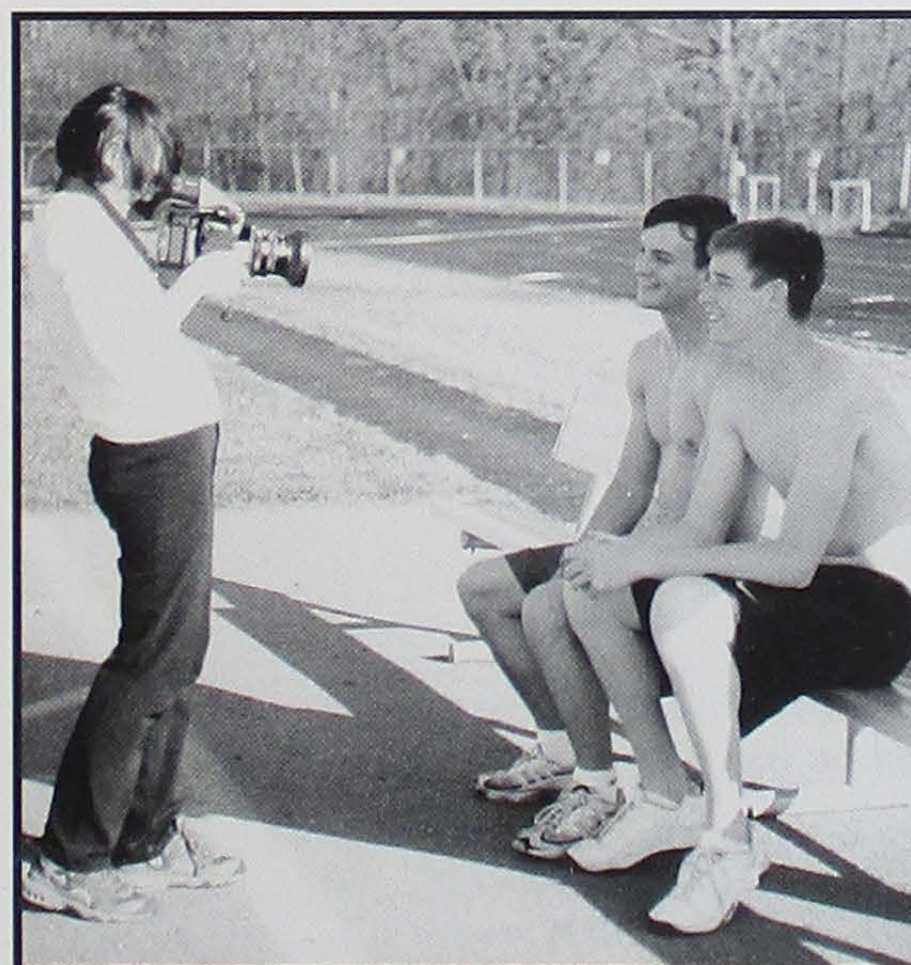
**Mr. Abel** in 1974. Abel who was in charge of DECA and business classes was a real companion to students. They found it easy to talk with hin and respected the way in which he taught.

Juniors **Annalies van der Valk** and **Stephanie Hallberg** stir up some dessert in foods class. The aroma of the dishes made in the class filled the halls. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)



Junior **Mike Huisenga** runs the homestretch of the four hundred meter dash while passing a Dowling runner to win the event. "We have worked really hard to do well at state

and I think we will if we keep working at it." The track team was really hurt by the loss of **Aaron Greving**, who scored 18 points in last years state track meet.



Juniors **Andy Kohler** and **John Holsier** are lookin' sexy for *Seventeen Magazine*. They chose Ames because of our diversity and variety of clubs. "It was cool we got to pose on the field," said Kohler. "That would be awesome if we get into the magazine." (photoby Stacey Chung)



## Post Prom...Catch Your Breath

by Nicole Olson

Long lines, little parking, *Seventeen Magazine*, and more room to brake it down, would be a good way to describe this year's prom. The theme was "Take My Breath Away" and for most it turned out to be a magical night of fun and excitement. Unfortunately that wasn't how everyone felt. As senior **Troy Devens** sarcastically said, "It was the best 15 minutes of my life!" For the most part everyone had a lot of fun.

"It was a blast," junior **Meagan Harms** said, "I loved dancing with my friends and getting pictures taken."

One plus for the night was prom was restored to Sheman. "It was nice to have room to move around so I could actually dance this year," senior **Ryan Paul** said. "Last year I couldn't even slow dance without bumping into someone."

This year's prom was also a tad early. April 10 to be exact. With the early date of prom, many seniors didn't fully realize

it was there last high school dance.

"Prom is usually the last big thing before we graduate, but this year we still have over a month till we graduate," senior **Kevin Huls** said.

Students also had the chance to laugh



Junior **Amber Roberts** smells senior **David Miller** for a very pleasant scent after being hypnotized at the after-prom party. Along with the hypnotist there were games to play and money to spend. (photo by Stacey Chung)

at their fellow classmates at post-prom, when they were hypnotized. Post prom went longer, but there was much more to do, with the giant slide being the highlight. The slide provided entertainment for everyone. Even those who chose not to go down it, enjoyed watching those who did.

"It was funny to see people's faces as they slid down. I think it made them feel like little kids again. It isn't often you get to do something like when you were young. The slide gave people that opportunity," junior **LaTaia Giddens** said.

Except for the occasional flashes from the *Seventeen* magazine cameras everyone had fun. Overall prom was a chance for everyone to have fun and spend some time together. Dates went to dinner, had their pictures taken, danced, went to post prom, and then went to parties. And like usual most left happy and made memories that would last a life time.



Seniors **Todd Tarbox** and **Lisa Smart** slide at After Prom. The huge slide was one of the main

attractions at After Prom along with the many other activities. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Junior **La Taia Giddens**, a student from another school, and junior **Steve Bauer** progress through the next level of hypno-

sis. The hypnosis lasted two hours in which many students participated. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Junior **Justin Cochren** is caught by surprise at the Junior/Senior Prom, held at the Scheman building. "I had trouble groovin', because I was a bit stiff," Cochren

said. Juniors and seniors who attended the dance were grateful for the extra space that was provided by holding the event at Scheman. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Juniors **Kate Downing**, **Jason Sjunlin** and **Katherine Lamont**, discuss important matters at the prom. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Dusan Jeftinija** and his date, freshman **Margaret Johnson**, concentrate hard to hear the beat of the music in order to synchronize their dance steps. During prom, many couples actively participated in the

popular swing dances that were really neat to watch. However, the dance floor's size limited their movement making it difficult for many people to dance to their full potential. (photo by Stacey Chung)



A group of students shake their groove things out on the dance floor. "There wasn't really enough room to dance," senior **Jessica Wray** said. "They played too many slow songs in a row. They should have spread

them out more." Other students had differing opinions. "Everybody was packed in there but it was cool because we all were getting down," junior **Patrick Finn** said. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Ryan Paul** shows off his pearly whites in his pin-striped mafia tux at Prom. Paul was one of many people who chose not to go with a typical tuxedo, favoring a "snazzier" get-up. (phot by Stacey Chung)



# April 11 - 17

**Nation -**  
Public School  
Volunteer  
Week

**Nation -**  
National  
Library Week

**Ames -**  
9th/10th  
Boys' track,  
Ames Invite

**Ft. Dodge -**  
CIML National  
Conference  
Festival

**Ames -**  
Tennis & Golf  
vs.  
Marshalltown

**Ames -**  
Track, Little  
Cyclone Invite

**Ames -**  
Boys' soccer  
vs.  
Marshalltown

**Ft. Dodge -**  
Girls' track,  
Ft. Dodge  
Invite

**West Des  
Moines -**  
Girls' golf,  
Valley Classic

**Ames -**  
Marching  
band in  
VEISHEA  
Parade

## WHAT HAPPENED TO VEISHEA?

by Parsa Fattahi

"I thought this years' Veishea was sub-par," senior **Roni Mukerjea** said. "It was the same monotonous thing as years past and the cold weather didn't help much."

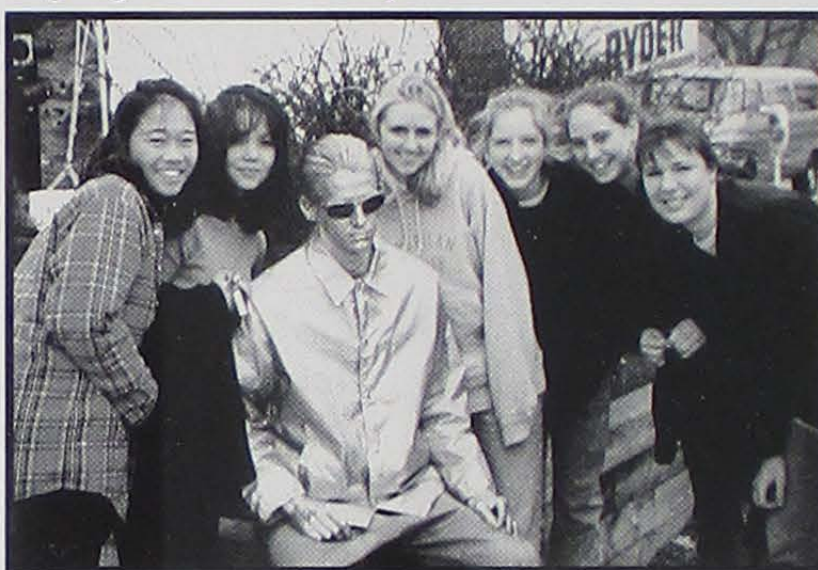
This seemed to be the consensus among students attending the Veishea celebration. Forty-degree weather coupled with the traditional (and unoriginal) parade, carnival, and activities on Welch seemed to bog down what was once the highlight of the year in Ames.

"The parade is the same every year with the only bright spot being the giant Gumby balloon," senior **Sam Kolner** said.

For the second year in a row, the celebration was dry, with restrictions put on alcoholic beverages. This concept didn't sit well with some ISU students, though, as a couple hundred of them rioted a few days prior. While the riot was unsuccessful in lifting the ban, alcohol was still a major part of Veishea.

"A drunk guy knocked all my fries on the ground and ate them," sophomore **Laura**

**Wilson** said. "The ones he didn't like he stuck in other people's ears. That was the Veishea highlight for me this year."



Sophomores **Pam Le, Amy Chung, Leslie Westgate, Anna Burgdoff, Emily Polich,** and **Laura Wilson** take in the "golden light" emitted by one of the many performers during Veishea weekend. (photo courtesy of Amy Chung)

Many students chose to skip out on the festivities and take their "business" else-

where.

"The only people there [Welch Ave.] were in lines for the bars," junior **Terri Stalheim** said. "We had to go party other places."

Others maybe should have stayed on campus, as their actions sounded a little questionable.

"I made a lot of new female friends, none of who's names I remember," senior **Troy Devens** said.

One highlight of Veishea weekend was the Goo-Goo Dolls concert held at Hilton Coliseum Friday night. Other than that, it was same-old, same-old.

"I didn't even go to Veishea," junior **Lindsey Wright** said.

Unfortunately, on a cold, damp Veishea weekend, staying off campus may have been the best way to go. Some creativity and originality, and maybe a little help from mother nature, could have helped Veishea's turnout a long way.

Senior **Tim Noxon**, junior **Adam Webb**, and sophomore **Jim VanFleet** practice their quads during a drumline practice for Veishea. The band was the only marching band in Veishea parade on Saturday morning. The band met all week to prepare their songs for the parade. (Photo by Mandi Hardy)





Sophomore **Joey Hayes** goes after Valley opponent for possession of the ball during the first half of this intense and challenging game. "Overall

this season has been good so far. I think our team unity has had a lot to do with our success," Hayes said. (photo by Nicole Olson)



Senior **Angie Salvo** runs around the curve during a track meet in the 4x800 race. (photo by Tonja Brooks)



Senior forward **Juan Navas** keeps Valley defender playing hard in order to maintain their lead of two goals. Valley defeated Ames 2-0 after a long

battle. Valley's glory was due to their strategy of keeping the ball out of Ames' fast forwards possession. (photo by Nicole Olson)



Seniors **Sam Kolner** and **Nate Hostetter** rehearse their roles for the spring play, The Birds, while senior **Spencer Mickelson** waits for his cue. The play

was a huge success even though many were skeptical due to its content (photo by Amy Chung)



Members of the girls' golf team warm up for the Valley Classic meet. The girls performed very well at the meet despite the rotten conditions. (photo courtesy of Missy Ridnour)



# April 18 - 24

## Ames -

Girls' golf vs.  
Ft. Dodge

## Urbandale -

9th/10th  
boys' track,  
Urbandale  
Invite

## Ames -

Girls' track,  
Ames Invite

## Littleton, Colo. -

School  
shooting

## Ankeny -

Boys' track

## Ames -

Spring play,  
The Birds

## Marshalltown

Boys' soccer

## Ames -

Spring play,  
The Birds

## Des Moines

Track, Drake  
Relays

## Ames -

Spring play,  
The Birds

## Des Moines

Track, Drake  
Relays

## On Your Marks.....

by Molly Muehe

Every spring, select runners from around the nation are invited to Drake Relays. Even some Olympians run at Drake. This year proved to be a remarkable year for Ames High runners.

There was only one slight obstacle this year, the weather. The freezing cold temperatures and rain didn't help much,

"I thought it was cold and skanky," senior **Kiwhoon Lee** said.

"I think it is hilarious that there are so many Ames High students in this one section who are like going crazy over a little race that Ames is in. People are like "wow" Ames High loves track. But then I tell them that everyone just comes to get out of school. Then they're like, "Oh."

sophomore **Mitchell Ridnour** said.

"The Ames crowd was exceptionally well and overcame the obstacle of the weather. I especially liked Andy Kohler in white shorts in 30-degree weather." senior **Kevin Huls** said.

The runners themselves had a different opinion. "I thought the Relays was a good experience. Kind of nerve-racking, but it was good because it helped me prepare for the big future meets." senior **Claire Gilchrist** said.

Most importantly, Coach Kirk Schmaltz said, "Anytime a track team can qualify in as many events as our girls did, it's neat. They represented AHS well."

Senior **Jessica Wray** hands off to senior anchor runner of the 4 X 100 relay, **Erin Maysent**. In the finals at the Drake Relays they qualified for state. At state, with a few changes in the line-up, they received sixth place. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Luke Guthrie** finishes strong in the last 400 of his 800. Guthrie was the anchor for Ames who completed the last leg in the 4 X 800 at Drake. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Sophomore **Steve Diesburg** ponders his role in the bird chorus during the Spring play, *The Birds*. "Being in *The Birds* was a dream

come true. I got to wear spandex and put on make-up," Diesburg said. (Photo by Stacey Chung)



The talents of senior **Nate Hostetter** (Euelpides) and many other hard workers helped in making *The Birds* a great play for all. "Behind the scenes, people worked together for a production that has never been seen on the Ames High stage. The turn out was

great and audiences old and young enjoyed it," senior **Sam Kolner** said. "I had a blast doing it, and I thank Mr. Sabo for his wonderful job as director as one of the best plays in school history." (photo by Stacey Chung)

## The Columbine Crisis

by Sarah Rathert

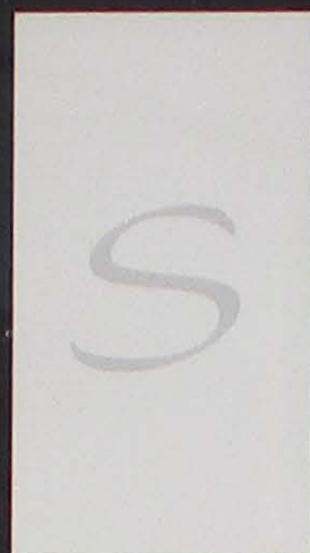


The lives of 13 students and one teacher were taken from Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. The two armed students, Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, stormed into the building shooting their classmates, aiming towards athletes and classmates that teased them. They had previously placed a number of bombs

around the school and in their own homes. They committed suicide after their rampage. The city of Littleton, CO all mourned together at the 15 funerals they attended. This shooting touched many Ames High students and families, even making them think twice about our own school. (photos courtesy [www.CNN-Columbine@aol.com](http://www.CNN-Columbine@aol.com))



# April 25 - May 1

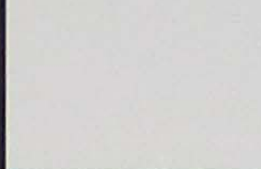


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Concert



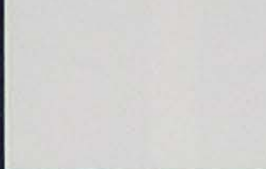
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Boys' soccer  
vs. Indianola

**Ames -**  
Girls' track,  
Ames Invite II

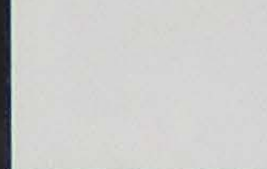


**Ames -**  
Girls' golf vs.  
Ft. Dodge

**Ames -**  
First bomb  
threat at AHS



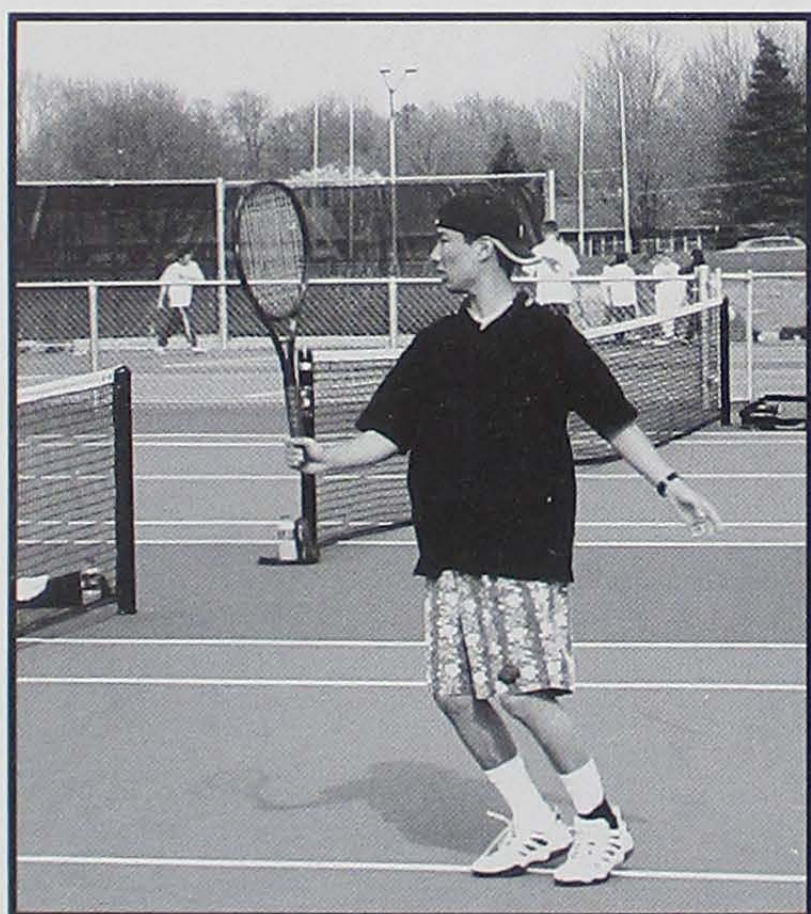
**Ames -**  
Boys' soccer  
vs. Ft. Dodge  
and boys'  
tennis vs.  
Urbandale



**Ames -**  
Boys' track,  
Ames Invite



Sophomore **Jessie Kinyon** tries to stop sophomore **Leslie Westgate** from dribbling by her to the goal. The girls' soccer team had their first practice this week. "The first day out was kind of hard," Westgate said. "I think we were all a little out of shape." (photo by Amy Chung)



Junior **Wanye Shyy** volleys back a return during the boy's tennis meet against East. The junior varsity players often played varsity against the less talented teams. (photo by Ellen Haws)



Students gathered during their free periods 6th, 7th, and 8th to voice their thoughts and opinions about the Colorado shootings. Many students were shocked and had a lot to say about the terrible happenings. The forum was made for students to speak up and voice what

they think should be done if this ever occurred at Ames High. Freshman **Ashley Jennings**, **Kristene Grewell**, and **Andrew Goedeken** expressed their concerns to Budd Legg and requested a forum for the student body. (photo by Erin Martin)



# Competitive Fun

by Nicole Olson

Not the perfect candidate for the Ames Softball Team? Then find some friends, make a team, and join intermural softball. Due to the popularity of other intermural sports in Ames High, like intermural basketball and the late intermural volleyball, students and staff got together to create the ultimate intermural experience. Softball.

"It's an opportunity to get together with friends and have fun," senior **Kira Wade** said.

This new softball league has brought together friends and created many opportunities for students to show off their talent and individual personality.

"It's more fun than a kick in the pants," senior **Tom Popelka** said.

Our team had two secret weapons: pregame warm-ups and Haley Pick batting clean-

up," junior **Jacek Pruski** said.

However, this privilege is not open to all students. Current spring and summer athletes are encouraged not to join on to teams and already after two weeks of competitions, several students have been prohibited from continuing to play due to having "too much fun."

"One strike and your out is wrong. If we were freshmen we would have had a lesser penalty," senior **Brian Jensen** said.

Every Wednesday evening from any time around 4 - 9 PM, softball fields around Ames are transformed into entertaining events of much color.

"I enjoy the zaniness of the pink gorilla mascot of the Rigma team," senior **Sarah Kitchell** said.

"We've decided to quit track and con-

centrate on intermural softball," seniors **Eric Houge** and **David Miller**.

Although, intermural softball is for pure enjoyment and is ment to be harmless, some athletes find it an opportunity to exercise their mouth and brute strength.

"Intermural softball is probably the best contact sport I have ever played," junior **Mike O'Connell** said.

"I was very proud of our 38 - 1 loss," freshman **Steve Diesburg** said.

This short season started off well, besides a few cancelled games due to rain and a pops concert. Many outgoing students have contributed to this new sport's popularity. If it's success continues, it is sure to be a hit. Hopefully, this program will be continued for years to come at Ames High and expand to include even more students.



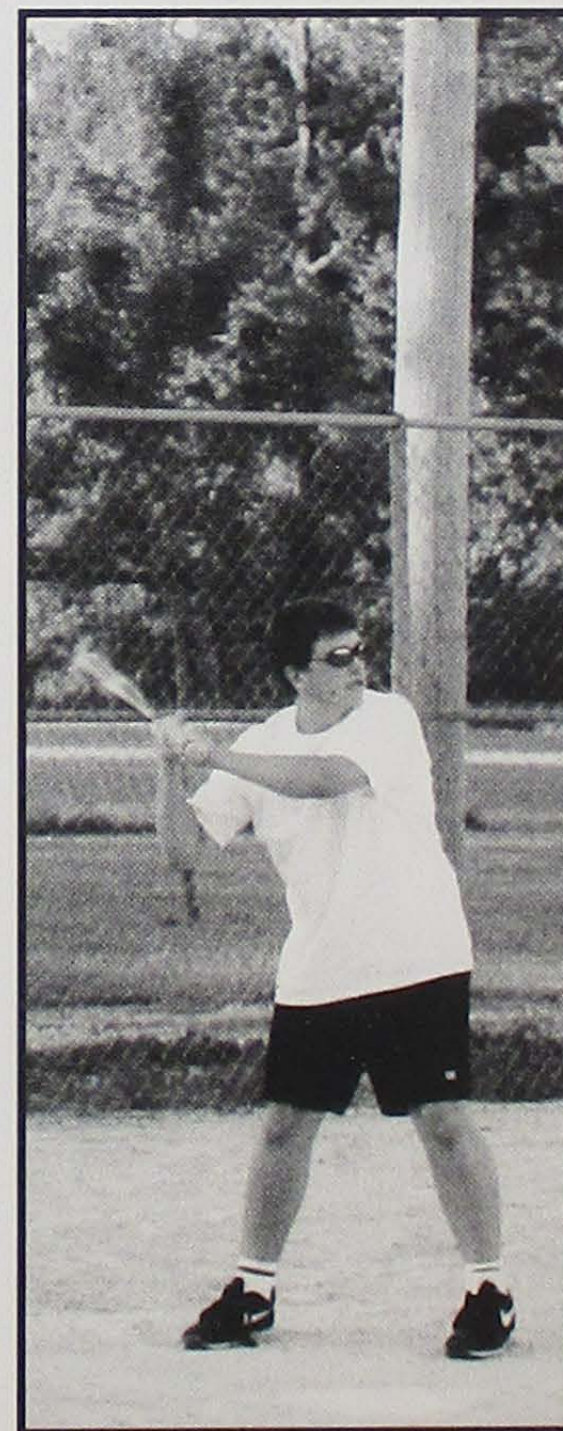
Junior **Andrew Stevenson** waits for the pitch. The I-softball rules were different than the studnets got to have their own team member pitch. (photo by Sarah Rathert)



Junior **Mike O'Connell** tries to score a run for his team while **Mrs. Bolinger** looks for the ball to try to stop him. Students found the most

exciting games to be the ones against the faculty. The studnet team won against the faculty team 5--0. (photo by Molly Muehe)

Junior **Jeff Calentine** anticipates the pitch. I-softball required players to alternate boy-girl, but many girls were outnumbered to the boys that played. (photo by Sarah Rathert)





# May 2 - 8

**Ames -**  
Girls' golf,  
Ames Classic

**Ames -**  
Baseball, first  
practice

**Ames -**  
Girls' tennis

**Mason City**  
Girls' track,  
Mason City  
Invite

**Ames -**  
Senior  
Academic  
Awards Night

**Ames -**  
Girls' tennis

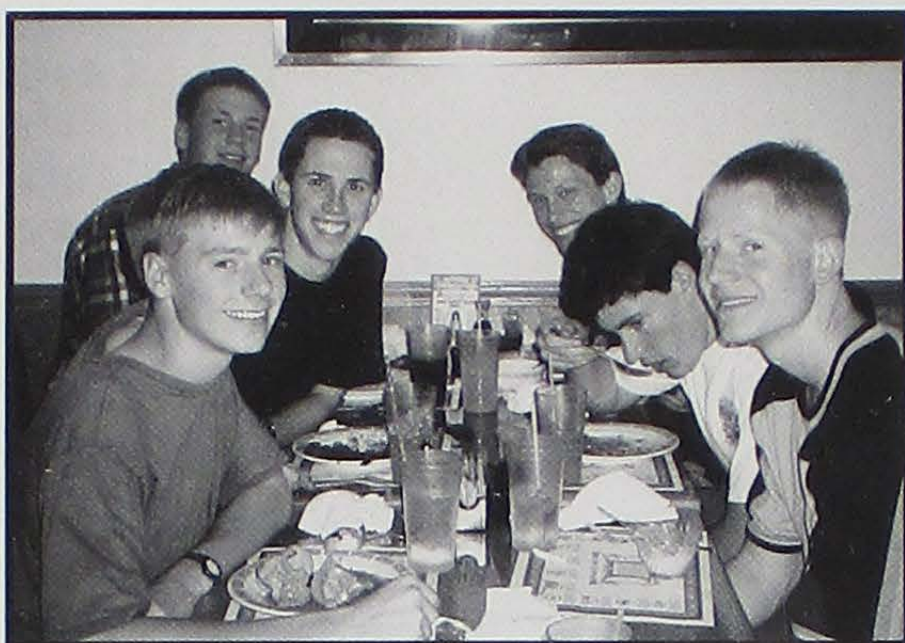
**Ames -**  
Spring Band  
Concert

**Newton -**  
Boys' tennis

**Urbandale -**  
Boys' soccer

**Adel/  
DeSoto -**  
Boys' track,  
Adel/DeSota  
Invite

Seniors **Nate Ginder, Andy Buck, Ross Miller, Andrew Ringlee, John O'Connell,** and **Zach Hermstadt** went Chinese style for one of their last meals together in highschool. (photo by Houdi Kohsravi)

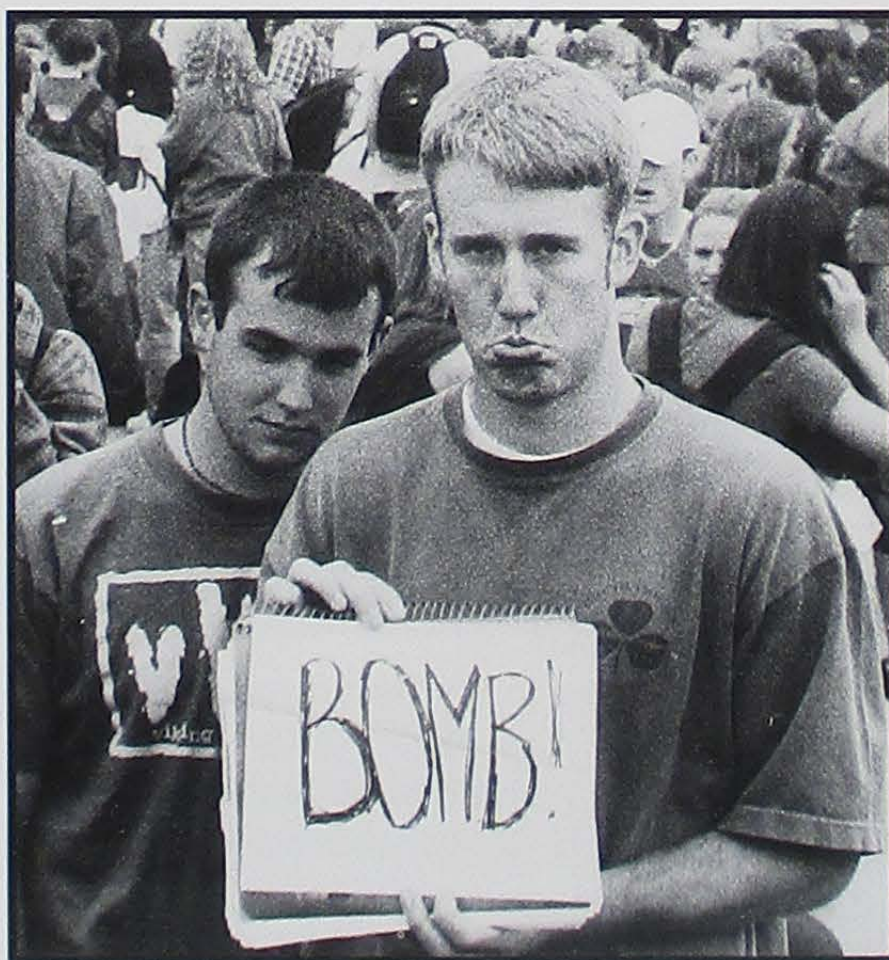


Students stood outside the school confused after the second bomb threat. Although many students were worried and wondered what was going on, some were excited just to be out of the classroom. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Students are directed towards the tennis courts during the second bomb threat. (photo by Stacey Chung)

Seniors **Brad Lawler** and **Bob Linahon** stand outside dejected after the second bomb threat. Many students showed their disapproval in different ways (photo by Stacey Chung)



Varsity Golf members **Coach Heiberger, Alison Buck, Amanda Burke, Missy Ridnour, Steph Carroll** and **Amy Swanson** stop for a break during the annual Ames golf classic. (Photo Courtesy of Missy Ridnour)



# COPYCATS RUIN THE END OF THE YEAR

by Amanda Hopper

On Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, we received what would soon become the first in a series of bomb threats made to the school. Students had begun their morning like any other, and sat in their first period classes or study halls, when the announcement came over the loudspeaker. In the wake of the Littleton, Colorado tragedy, the timing only served to lend the situation a morbid solemnity.

"[When I heard the announcement], I was really scared," sophomore Kira Shonkwiler said. "I didn't know what to think."

The anonymous call was received at the office switchboard around 8:45 am, ten minutes before school was scheduled to begin. At 9:20, Mr. Achter informed students and staff of the situation over the P.A. system, reminding them to stay calm.

"We want everyone to stay

calm," Achter said. "We're taking every safety precaution, and doing everything we can to keep students safe."

Students and staff were herded onto the front lawn and the area surrounding the Junior/Senior parking lot, where they waited – some with fear, others with optimism, but all with uncertainty. Many who had parked in the lot wandered to their cars, either to keep warm, listen to the radio, or both. Teachers were sent to block the exits of the lot, to prevent anyone from leaving.

"It's very important that we keep a certain amount of control," Achter said. "We can't just have students leaving. We need to know where they are, so we are better able to keep them safe."

Around 10:15, students were directed into the gymnasium, which, had already been searched by the

Bomb Squad and was determined to be safe. Mr. Achter announced over a microphone that the school had been searched and declared safe. Students were to return to their third period classes. Immediately, murmurs and questions filled the air. How could they have thoroughly searched the school? Why hadn't they canceled school? Would students be allowed to call their parents?

Shortly after students had returned to their classes, it was announced that due to widespread concern, the school day would be canceled. Students were let out at 11:30am.

On May 7th, however, the school was not caught unprepared. The threat had been called in during first period, and the building was evacuated. School buses and Cy-Ride busses arrived to shelter students from the early

spring cold. Near 10:15am, Mr. Achter sent a written announcement to each bus, stating that the school day would be canceled, but, unlike the previous cancellation, it would be tacked on to the end of the school year, pushing finals back a day, and causing scheduling problems for the Senior Picnic. Students were allowed to return to the school and collect any necessary belongings.

The bomb threats caused tension between students, staff, parents and the community. A fear of another Littleton plagued our school system, drastically changing the atmosphere of the year's end. Instead of looking forward to graduation, finals, and the summer, we were stuck looking back wondering if another call would come in and if we would ever catch the individual chasing attention.

## Bomb Threats: What Do We Have To Say About Them?

"It is frustrating that everyone has to suffer because of one person's actions," freshman **Megan Greulich**

"It's pretty self-centered and it put a lot of people through stress," freshman **Sarah Kuhnen**

"I think it's worthless. I am mad at the people who are happy about it," freshman **Steve Diesburg**

"The person who did it only wants attention. It is stupid how the newspaper and media make such a big deal about these threats. By putting this on the front page, it only feeds their need for attention." freshman **Nima Golchin**

"At least we got out of school," sophomore **Mike Mortenson**

"It's a big waste of my time and everyone else's," sophomore **Tariq Lundy**

"It would have been better if the people making the

threats would have picked a warmer month to do them," sophomore **Josh Staudt**

"It's stupid and a waste of time to just try to terrorize people," sophomore **Adam Shaul**

"I know that by law the school has to evacuate all students if a threat is made, but it seems like his only encourages the person making the threats. Because they got what they wanted and it gave them all the power," junior **Annalies VanderValk**

"Bomb threats are stupid. I don't like how somebody is ruining it for the rest of us. It's not funny," junior **Sarah Tapper**

"They're retarded. It's pointless and they pick the worst days to call in," junior **Andria Belle**

"I just want school to be over... I don't understand why people think it's funny....it's mocking a serious event and making that horrible tragedy a joke is sick." junior **Deven McClurken**



# May 9 - 15

**Nation -**  
Mother's Day

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**Ames -**  
Girls' golf vs.  
Newton

M

**Ames -**  
Boys' soccer  
& boys' tennis

**Ankeny -**  
Girls' tennis &  
girls' golf

W

**Ames -**  
School let out  
early after  
threatening  
phone call

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**Ames -**  
Boys' soccer

**West Des Moines -**  
Boys' track,  
Valley Relays

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## One Acts, Equal Fun Acts

By Eknath Vittal

Even through the cancellation of the first night of plays, senior directed one acts. Unlike the other plays performed during the years one acts are entirely coordinated by students. All of the five plays were directed by seniors.

"One acts is a great experience because the director is a senior," junior actor **Shawn Sebastian** said. "Because they are seniors he/she has a unique empathy and insight into the high school actor's struggle to convey his or her character to the public. The result is a special kind of magic that is unique to one acts."

The five plays performed were: *Stay*

*Carl, Stay, Take Five, The Old Cookie Shop, Softy, The Tristing Place.* Each play was very unique and different according to junior **Dan Carter**. Although the bomb threat on Thursday inconvenienced many students it didn't stop the die hard fans from attending the plays.

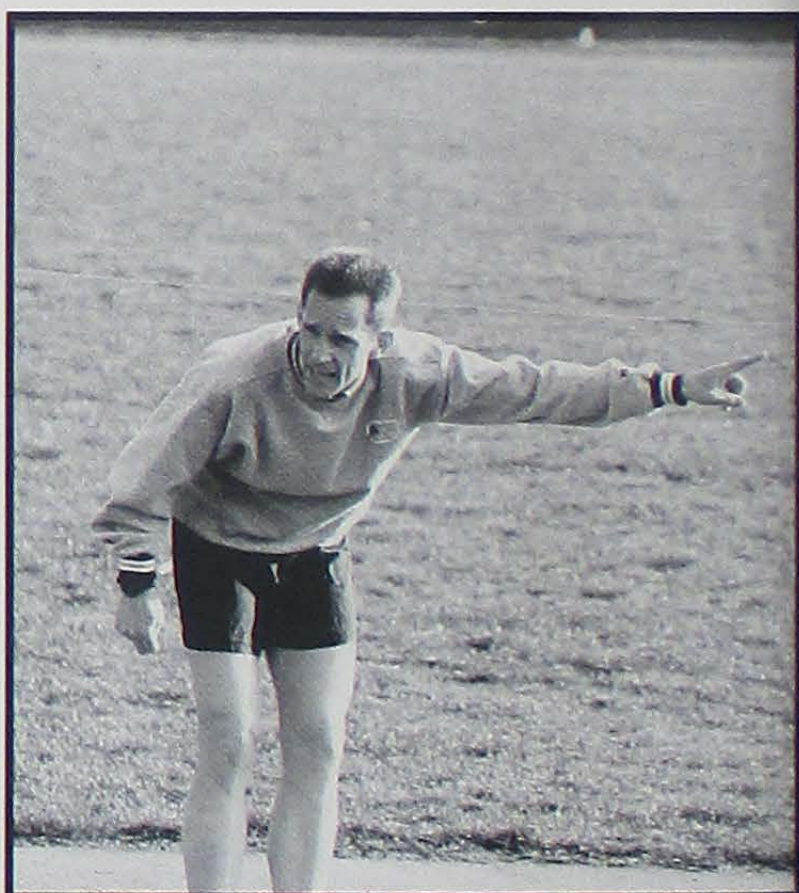
"They were all performed very well and in its own way," Carter said.

The one acts are a way for students to showcase their theatrical talents and abilities. Each play had a different flare because it was directed by a different senior and it expressed the views of the student directing the play.

Sophomores **Sarah White** and **Brenna Dieter** express themselves during one acts. Although the first night of One Acts were cancelled on Thursday there still was a large audience the final two night. (photo courtesy of Randy Pyle)



The boys' soccer team gathers at the end of the field to mentally prepare for their game. Team unity played a big part in many of their victories. (photo by Brian Jensen)



Coach **Todd Volstedt** encourages his runners at the finish line during the track meet at Valley. (photo by Stacey Chung)



With all of the hype that came along with the first new Star Wars movie, Episode I: The Phantom Menace, Movies 12 had

advanced ticket sales on Wednesday, May 12 to help stop some of the rush. (photo courtesy of www.starwars.com)



Senior **Megan Sweeney** prepares to return a serve from an Ankeny player. Ames won the meet easily. "We played really well as a team this meet," Sweeney said. "Our team has gotten along very well so far and I hope we will continue to succeed." (photo by Amy Chung)

## LOCKS FOR SALE

What do you think of the school lock situation in light of the various bomb threats at Ames High?

"Locks should have been built into the lockers in the first place rather than having students spend money on their own just to throw them away."

-Senior **Kate Ross**

"This bomb threat thing has deprived the '99ers of their senior picnic, their sovereign right to dominate in their own school, and has thrown the city of Ames into a communal headache. The whole lock thing thing sucks too."

-Senior **Jim Wilson**

"It sucks."

-Junior **Dylan Martinez**

"Considering the fact that I've used my locker once all year and I can't recall exactly where it is, I could care less."

-Junior **Andy Kohler**

"I don't care. I don't have anything to hide anyway."

-Sophomore **April Berg**

"We better not have to pay for 'em!"

-Sophomore **Brian Clark**

"They shouldn't make people pay for locks in a public school. Protection is supposed to be free."

-Freshman **Nitim Gadia**

"I think it's good because it will be faster for them to go through and check the lockers and it's probably safer overall. A lot of schools already have it so we should to."

-Freshman **Katie Schmaltz**

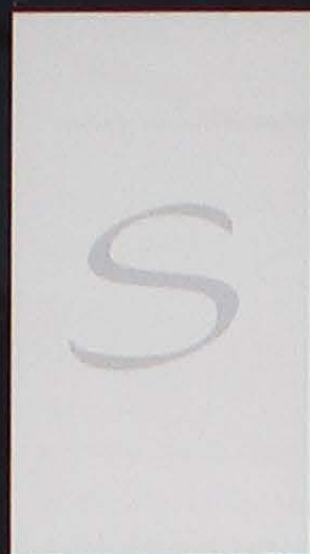


Freshman **Valerie Gleason** prepares for the new locks by emptying out her remaining valuables. Students had the choice to rent locks for the

remainder of the school year. The new lock controversy brought various criticism and opinions. (photo by Amy Chung)



# May 16 - 22



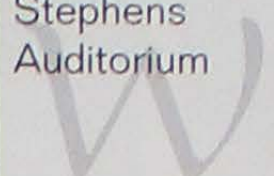
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Girls' soccer  
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Marshalltown

**Ames -**  
Pops Concert

**Ankeny -**  
Boys' soccer

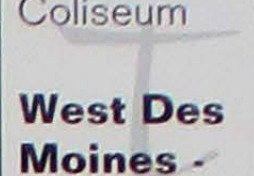


**Ames -**  
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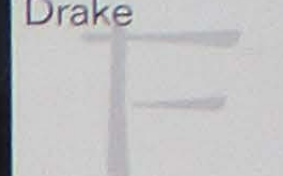


**Ames -**  
Commence-  
ment at Hilton  
Coliseum

**West Des  
Moines -**  
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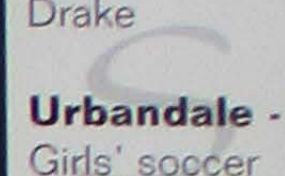


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**Urbandale -**  
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## Last Steps

by Andrew Brodie

Hands shake. Brows sweat. Eyes shift. Two by two the class of 1999 lines up in preparation for commencement exercises.

It's 7:25 p.m. graduation night.

Anxious whispers float between students. A mixture of "We finally made it."s and "I can't believe it's over."s, spattered with anticipation and peppered with nerves fill the Hilton Coliseum concourse, where graduates stand poised to take their seats on the coliseum floor.

Three hundred and sixty-three students make last minute adjustments to their graduation garb; everything must be perfect when the band beckons them forward with the opening note of "Pomp and Circumstance."

Tassles are particularly bothersome to students. For tassel placement is key in completing the look that proclaims "graduate." The tassel must hang just so.

And just so it doesn't.

With even the most graceful step, students' tassles fell from their delicately placed positions, swinging with pendulum force. Stu-

dents battled their tassles and straightened their caps up until the last minute. But when the band began to play, the minor details no longer mattered. And as the first students

thought filtering through many students' heads as they stepped into a flood of flashbulbs that greeted them as they exited the shadows and entered the spotlight.

This was it. No more homework and no more tests. No more athletic practices and no more big games. No more dates and no more dances.

Gone were the days of being an AHS Little Cyclone, and about to begin were the days of being an AHS alum.

Students sat anxiously through welcome messages and speeches, awaiting their turn to walk across the stage and make it official.

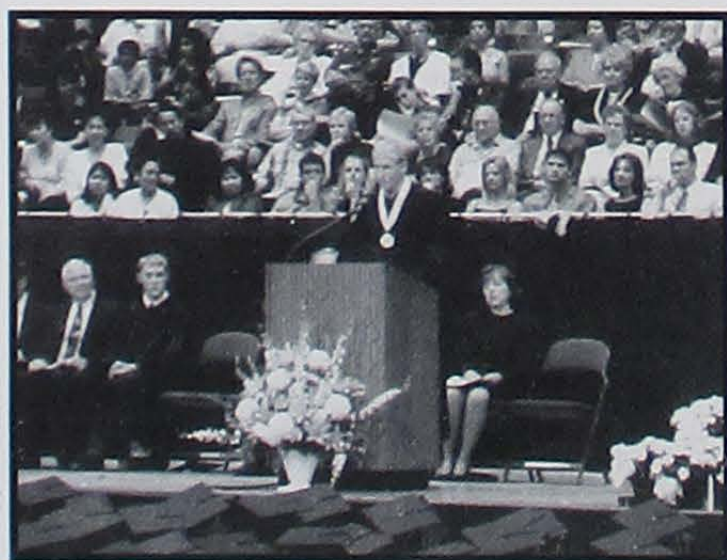
And one-by-one, 363 students did just that, gradually making their way to the stage before having their name called on the speakers and returning to their seats.

And in the end, after the last cap fell to the ground from its celebratory flight, hugs were shared, photos snapped and tears shed. For no longer were there 363 students on the floor of Hilton Coliseum, but 363 graduates.



Members of the senior class listen as classmate **Emily Dufflemeyer** gives the closing remarks at the commencement ceremony. Commencement was a symbol not only of what seniors had done in the past year, but what they had done in all of their years in school. (photo courtesy of Taylor Chung)

stepped forward, concentration shifted from adjusting caps to staying in-step with their walking partner. "Left then right" was the



Senior **Nate Ginder** speaks to his fellow classmates during commencement ceremonies. Ginder was one of two seniors chosen by the senior senate to give their speeches at commencement. (photo courtesy of Sharon Wirth)

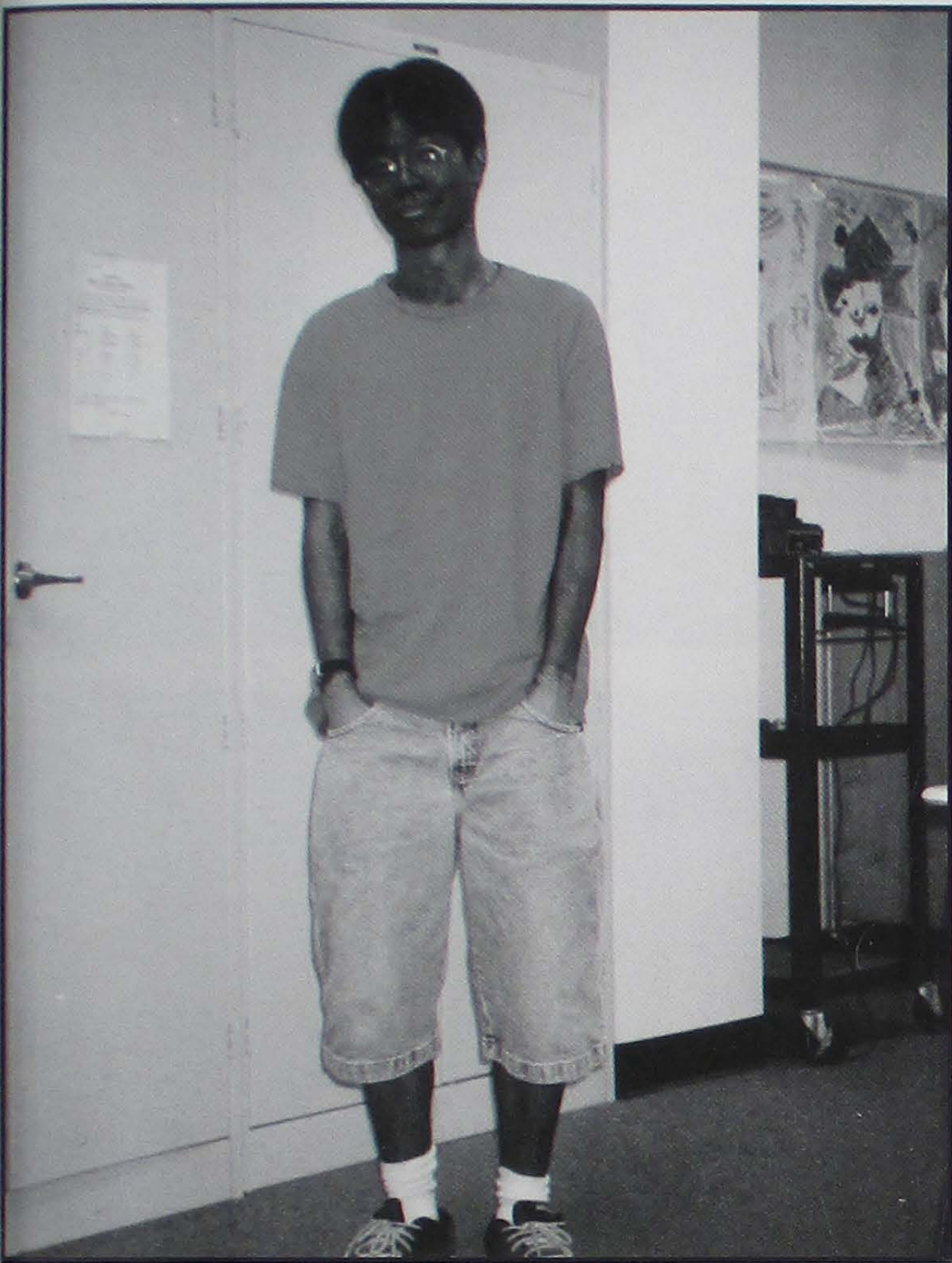
Classmates clap as names are read and seniors cross the stage at commencement. The class of 1999 had over 350 graduating seniors. (photo courtesy of Taylor Chung)



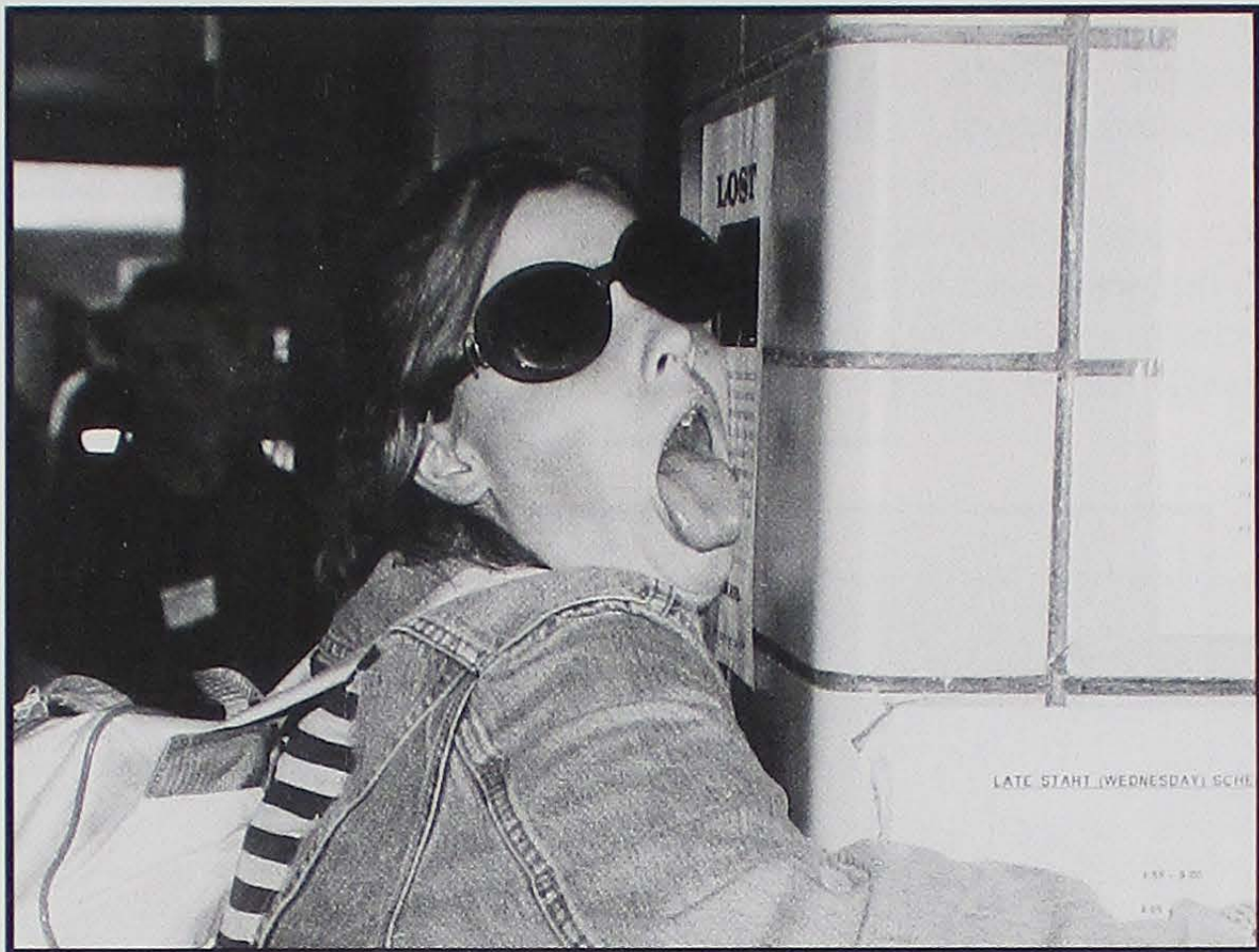


Senior **Sam Wong** shows off his green skin color on the last day for school for seniors. Wong's followed in his older brother Elton's footsteps, who painted himself on his last day of school. Wong

wanted a way to make thememory of his final day at school different from all the rest. "It was a way to be different from the masses," Wong said. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Sophomore **Meredith Mull** gets up close and personal with the camera. After graduation, there was only a week left to go for the rest of the school. "I'm so excited!" Mull said. (photo courtesy of McKinsie Clyde)



Junior **Leslie Hall** shows her excitement about not having the seniors in the halls for the rest of the year. After seniors graduated other students had about two weeks of

school remaining. "I was so glad when the seniors were gone, all they ever did was stand around in the halls and take up space," Hall said. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Seniors **Kristi Roosa, Michele Maxwell, Lisa Smart, Stacey Chung, Sarah Osmundson, and Megan Sweeney** pose

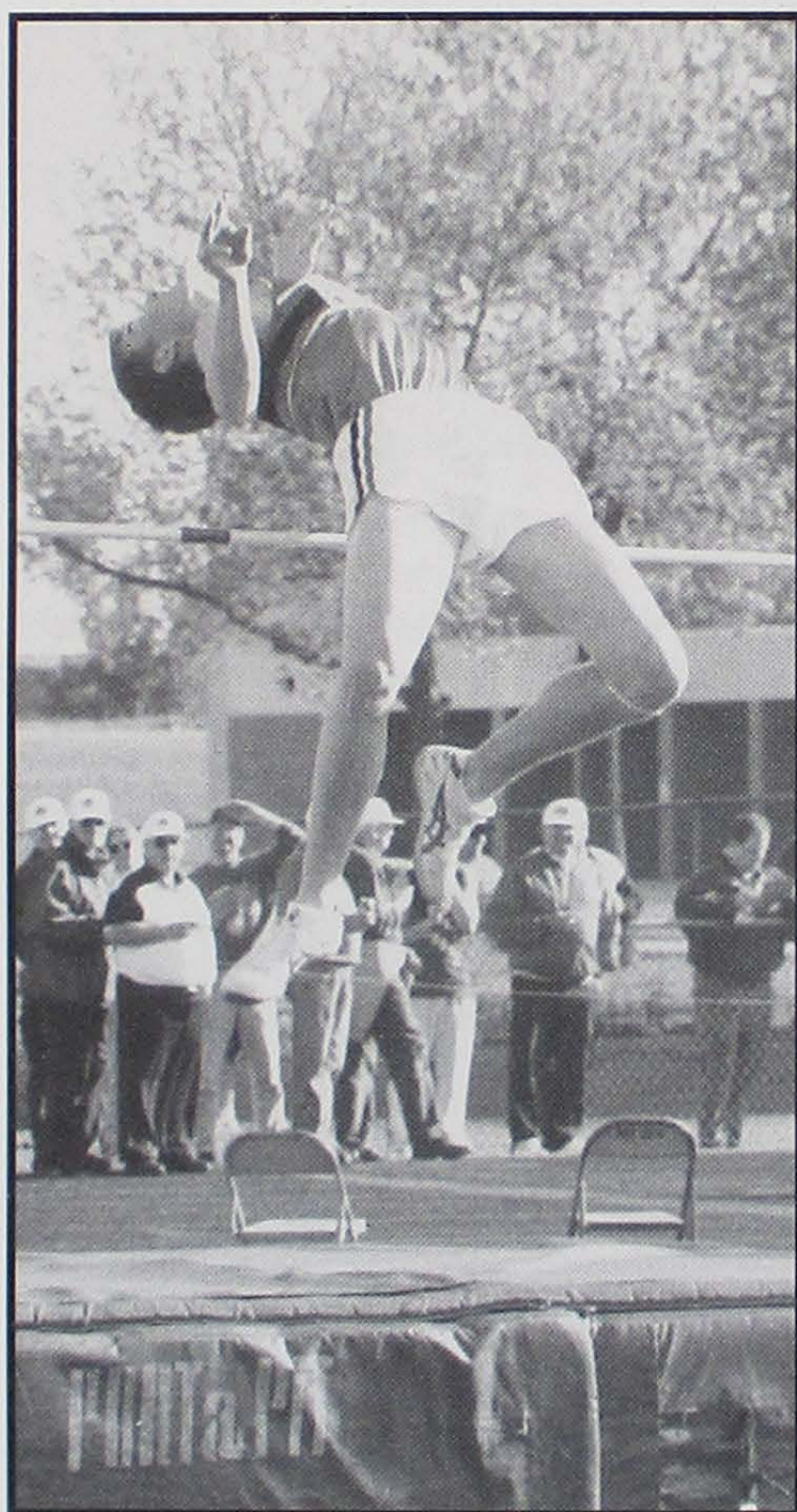
for a photo on their last day of school. Students could find the halls crowded with seniors taking pictures. (photo courtesy of Stacey Chung)



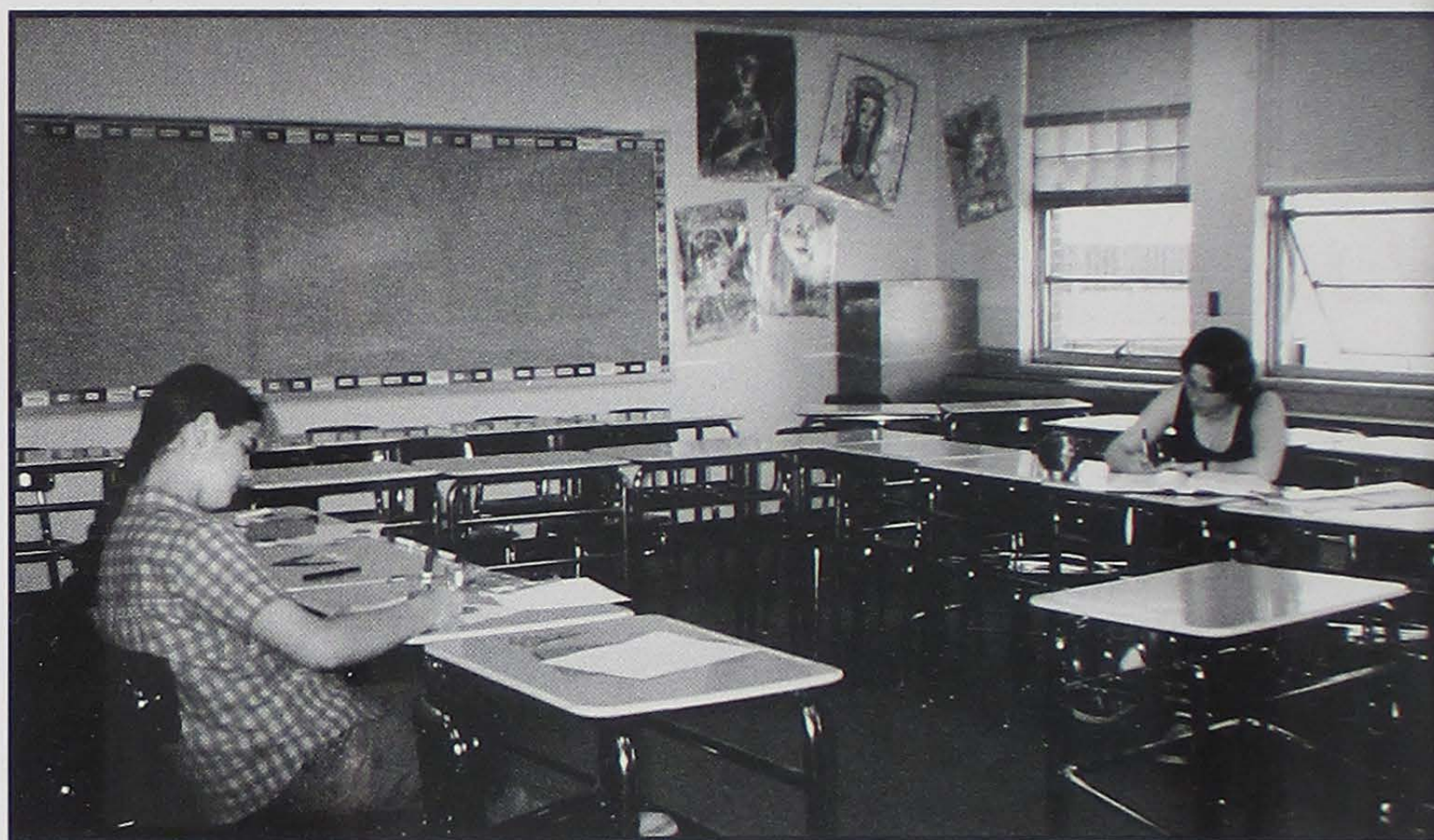
Seniors **Brandan Neff, Brad Larson, Tony Albaugh, Devin Wetzel, Bill Ingwersen, and Jeff Hitchings** prove that even after completing their senior year in high school, they still have a childish side. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Freshmen spend their lunch in the courtyard. Spending lunch hour outside in the sun provided a good break in the final weeks of school. Students enjoyed talking to to their friends, listening to music and playing frisbee. (Photo by Stacy Chung)

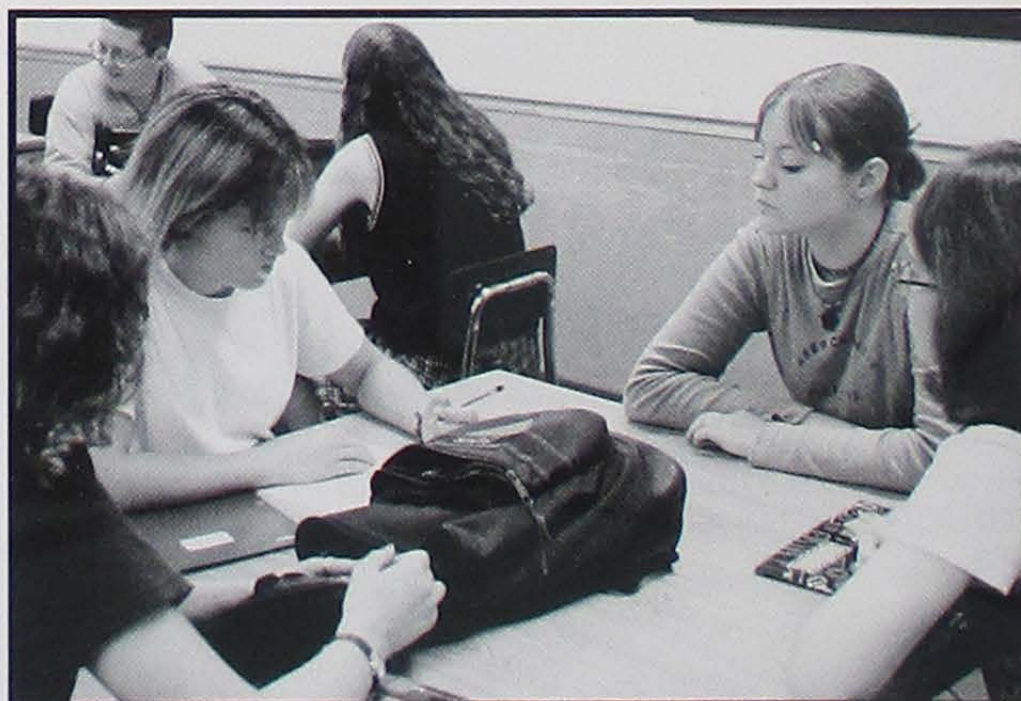


Junior **Andy Kohler** improves his vertical even more, to reach a height of 6'11". He later became the new record holder for Ames High in the high jump with a 7' jump. (photo courtesy of Jon Heinz)



Juniors **Kristin Niehoff** and **Kelcey Larson-Feree** spend their first period in fourth year Spanish studying for finals and making birthday cards. When the seniors were done so were they, spending the final

days in a study hall. "Having a study hall ever morning was very nice. It made the rest of the day and the remaining days of school feel like a vacation," junior Kristin Niehoff said. (photo by Jennifer Oftedal)



Junior girls spend time in the junior/senior room after the seniors' departure. The atmosphere was calmer but it was also filled with talk of the future seniors. "It is strange to think I have been here three years already and next year I get to be a senior," junior **Jamie Siefert** said. (photo by Jen Oftedal)



# Seniors Graduation is a Commencement for All

by Jennifer Oftedal

The departure of the 1999 senior class brought a quieter atmosphere to the halls of Ames High for the remaining week of school. Minor changes were seen immediately. The halls were instantly easier to walk through. There was no longer rowdy laughter from the junior/senior room, and juniors soon found freshmen in their parking spaces after lunch. Realizing they too would soon graduate, remaining students began to reevaluate their own futures and priorities.

"Every year we go through the same thing. The seniors leave and, in doing so, force all of those left behind to think about what lies ahead," junior **Josh Welter** said. "It is scary to think of life outside of our secure little town, a life full of unknowns and obstacles."

Other students started thinking about

summer as soon as the seniors were gone. "This will be my last summer without adult responsibility. I have to make it count," junior **Dan Carter** said.

With the graduation of the seniors, many students felt that a new year had already begun. Underclassmen especially, were excited about the new privileges that a new year would grant.

"We are looking forward to driving. It will give us much more freedom," freshmen **Meegan Hand** and **Kryisia Burnett** said.

"It will be great to leave the school without constantly being carded," sophomore **Elisabeth Gillott** said.

Teachers felt the changes as the seniors left as well.

"It is very sad to have the seniors leave. You see them grow through the four years

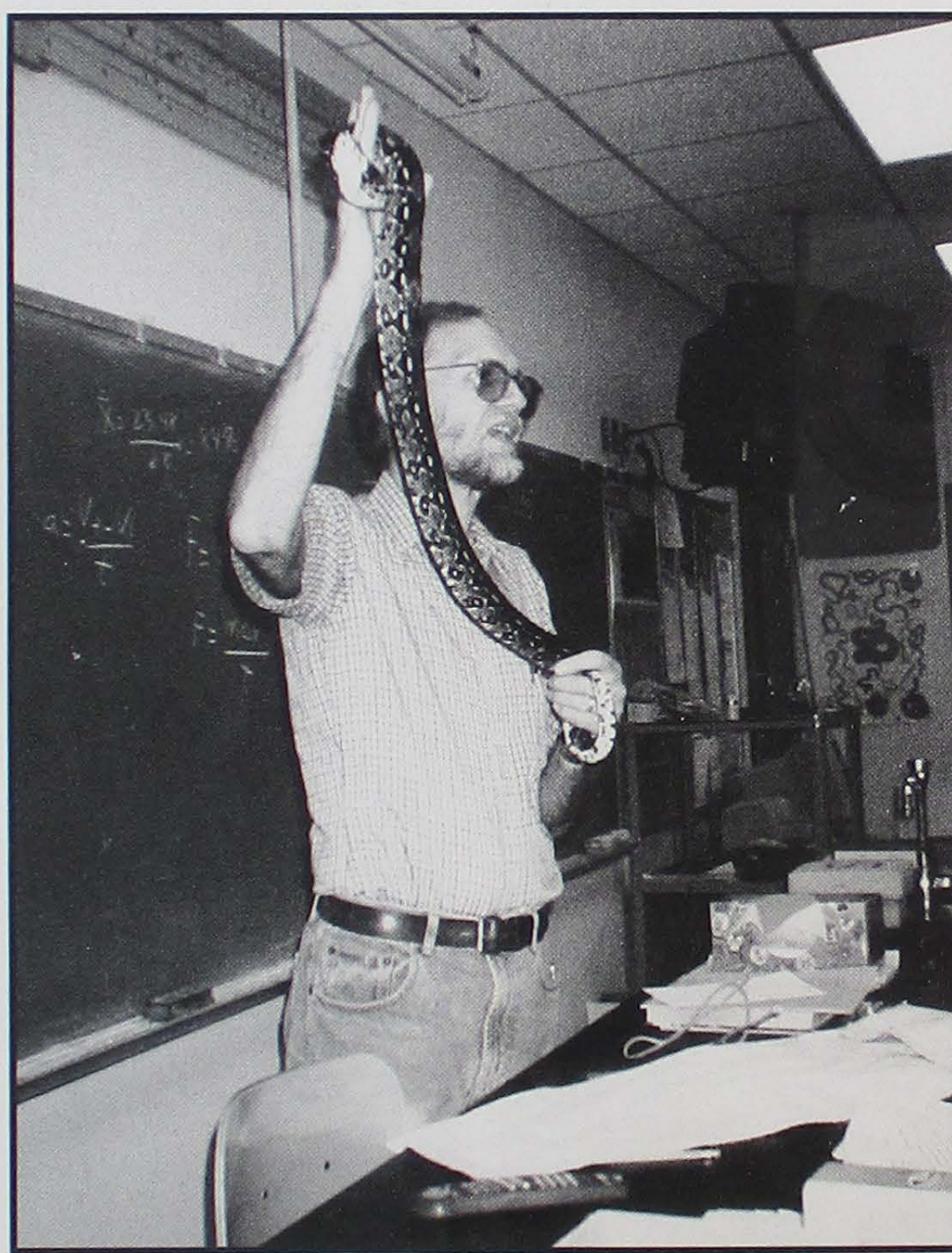
and when they leave you feel like a part of your life goes out the door with them. You always wonder what they're doing and how they're doing. There are so many unanswered questions," English teacher **Cecilia Horner** said.

Graduation however, was not the end of the seniors. There were still graduation open houses to attend and parties to jive at. Although some seniors left with no notion of returning, many of them planned visits to see the building and the people with whom they shared many memories.

"It was very different coming back to a place that I know I'll never have to return to unless I want to. It was a much more relaxing place to be," senior **Elaine Wells-Gray** said.

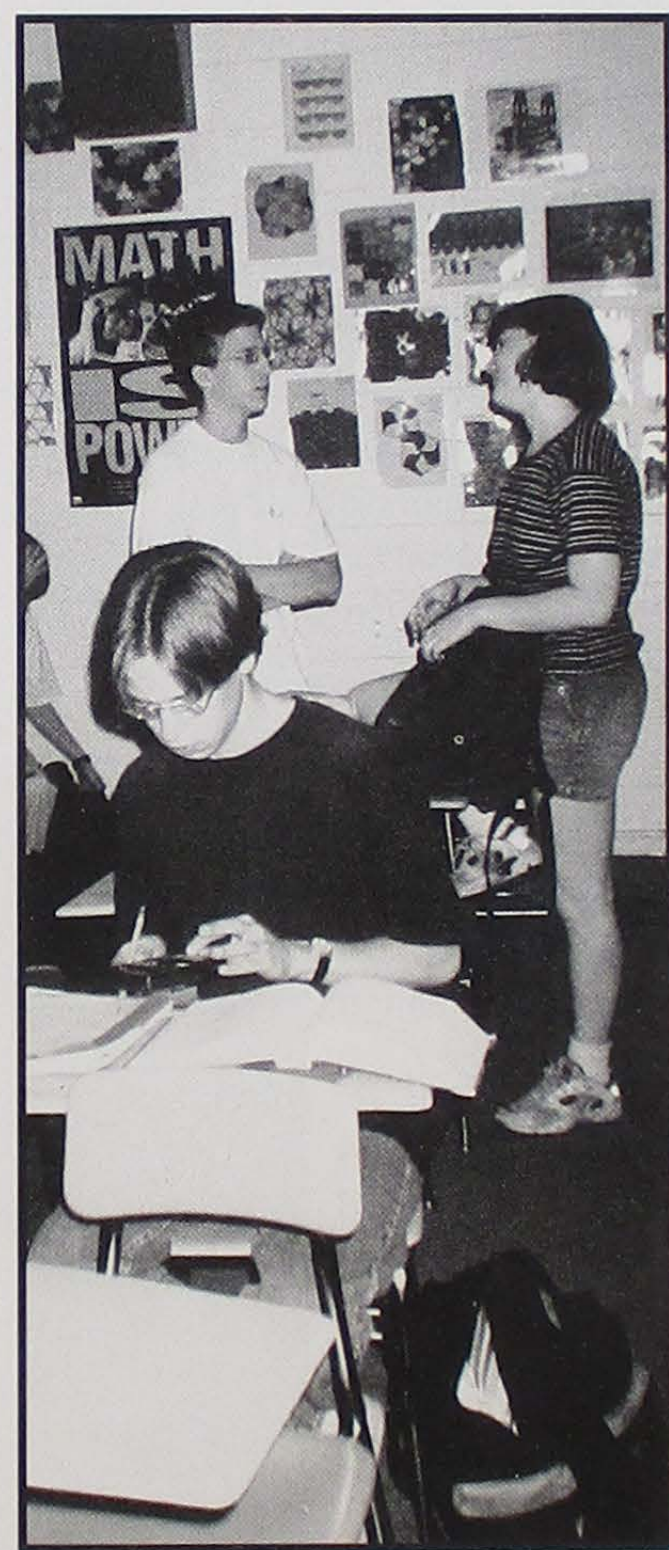


Senior **Emily Watts** comes back during lunch after graduating to say hello to friends. Many seniors made trips back to the high school to finish last minute business. (Photo by Jen Oftedal)



Junior Survey of Physics teacher **Mr. Peterson** holds up his pet snake for everyone to see. "My grandfather got me interested in snakes because he handled them. I bring the

snakes to school to he give people a better feeling about them," Peterson said. More relaxing periods accompanied the final week of school. (Photo by Jen Oftedal)



Juniors **Amir Efrati** and **Emily Johnston** spend more time talking than working in their senior math class. After the seniors left many juniors were left with small classes to attend. (Photo by Jen Oftedal)



# May 23 - 29

**Indianola -**  
Girls' soccer

**Ames -**  
Girls' soccer  
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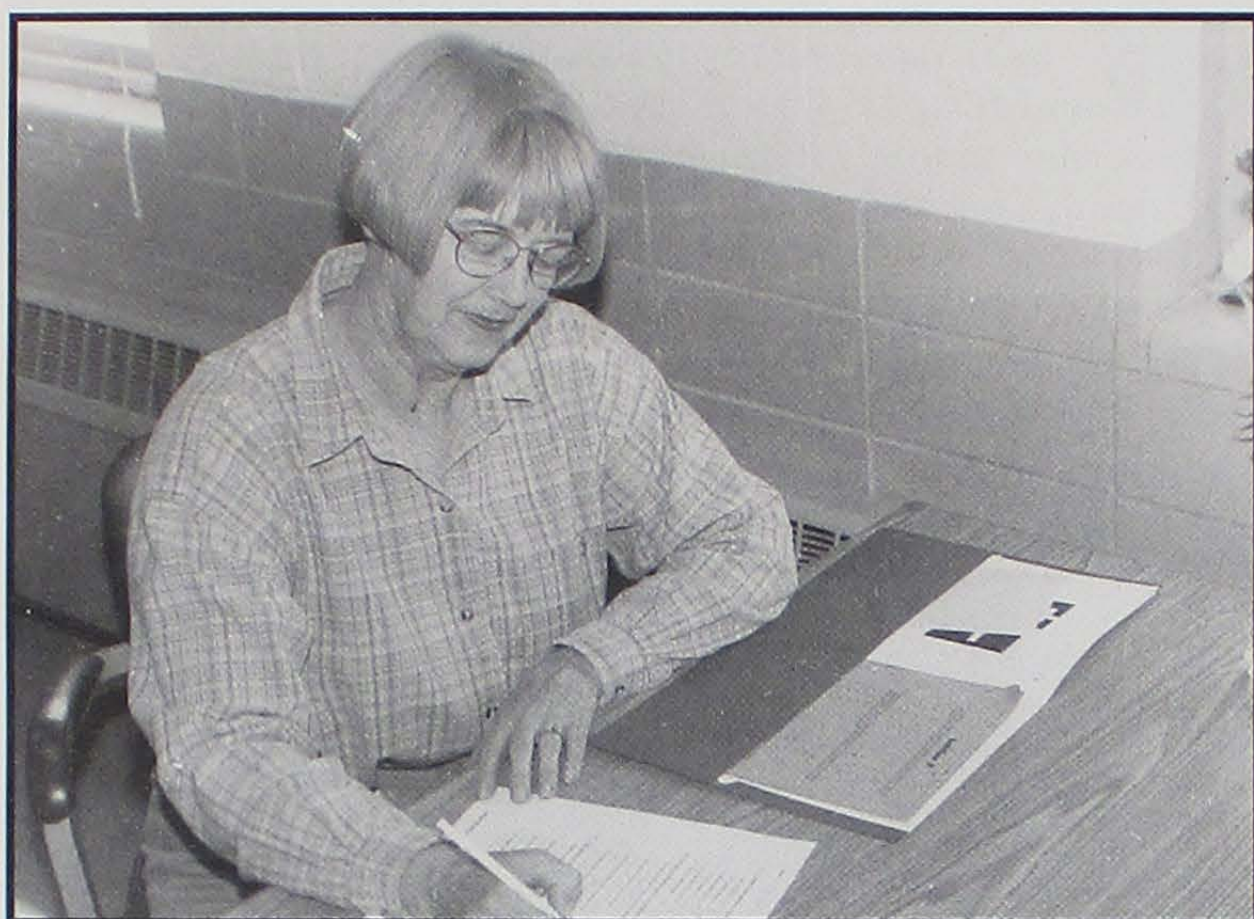
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German teacher **Judy Carlson** grades assignments during the last week of school. Many teachers tried to catch up on their grading before finals so they could use the

week during finals to average grades. Also, students could then know their averages before they went in to take their final tests. (photo by Brian Tenney)

Students enjoyed the weather of the last few days of school by eating their lunches in the courtyard. The atmosphere was laid back and allowed for students to forget about the fact finals were quickly approaching. (photo by Amy Chung)



Junior **Aki Nakagawa** and Senior **Houdy Khosravi** display their winning attitudes along with their racquets on a sunny May afternoon. The boys' tennis state tennis meet was May 28 and 29.

"I really like playing tennis. It isn't only a challenge against your opponent but also against yourself. You always try to do better than you did the time before." (photo by Lori Olson)



# Pay Back

by Nicole Olson

"...And Ames wins the game 2 to 1! Ames will advance to the substate finals against Johnston on Thursday," the speaker announced over the intercom. Yet, the Ames boys' soccer players weren't thinking about their next game, they were just enjoying the moment.

For the first time in years, Ames beat their arch rivals, Urbandale. Urbandale had been the reigning state champions for the past years, and to even tie them would have been exciting. However, the soccer players had decided that this game against Urbandale would end different than the many games of the past. Ames wanted to pay Urbandale back for all the losses they had had against them and let Urbandale see what it is like to lose.

The game against these two talented teams was tense up to the end. Ames leading 2 to 0 in the first half was happy, but not confident. They knew Urbandale was capable of coming back for a win. Ames players fought hard and smart. They knew

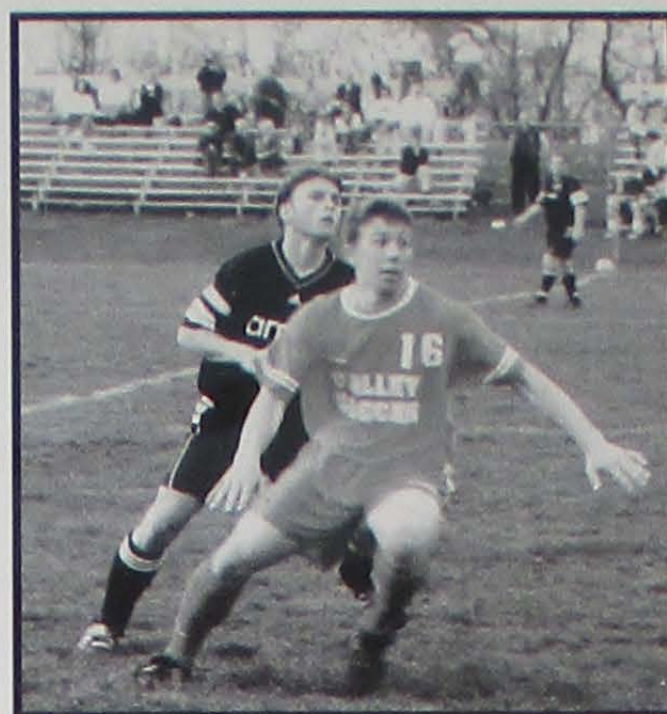
that one mistake could be fatal to their lead. Except for a goal by Urbandale in the second half, Ames' defense did not break for Urbandale's skilled forwards.

"We didn't allow them to turn inside the 18 yard box and it helped us," junior **Jon Mowers** said.

Ames's defense were not the only stars of the game. Even though they had less shots on goal than Urbandale, they took advantage of the few opportunities and made them count. Offense players **Steve Hoenick** and **Dylan Martinez** were the ones who gave Ames their lead and kept it that way.

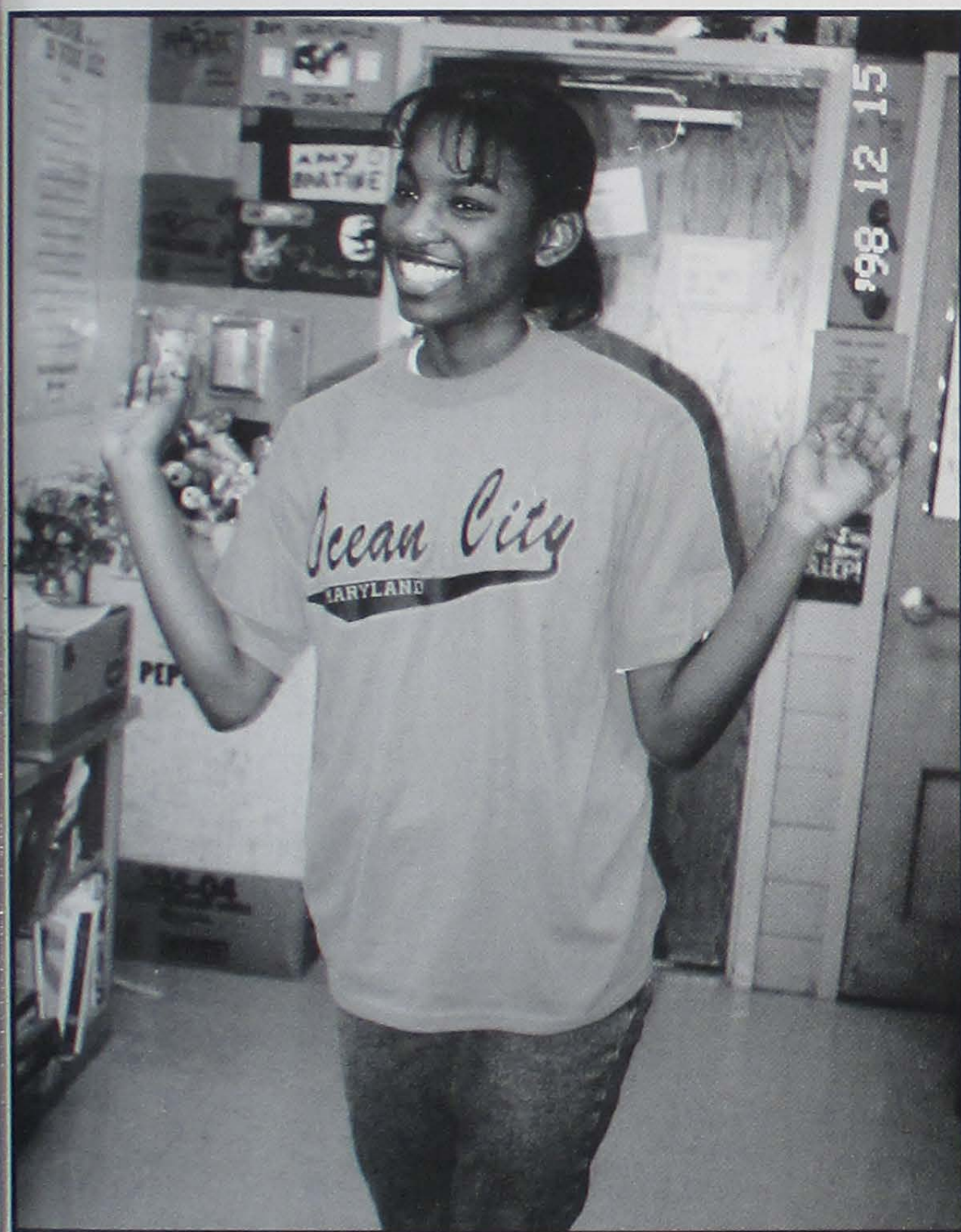
"I was very pleased our offense came through when they got the opportunities," Mowers said.

Ames proved their skill and talent as a team by ending Urbandale's title. They showed that they were one of the best teams in the state, with or without a state medal.



Senior **Bobby Myers** watches for a pass from a teammate. Individual members used previous game experiences to prepare them for upcoming games. (photo by Brian Jensen)

German teacher **Betty Furr** cleans out her desk during the last full week of school. Preparing for her last days as a teacher at Ames High, Furr wanted to use her time to spend with students and colleagues. (photo by Brian Tenney)



Junior **LaTaia Giddens** raises her arms with an "Oh Well!!" when told finals were going to be after Memorial Day weekend. The change was made after the final bomb threat added another day to

the school year. Many students didn't mind but others thought it would have been nice to be done so they could thoroughly enjoy the three day weekend with no studying. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Juan Navas** looks for an open team member to make a pass as he dribbles down the field. The soccer team was a close group and spent a lot of time together off the field. (photo by Brian Jensen)



# May 30 - June 5

**Ames -**  
No School

**Nation-**  
Memorial Day  
Observed

**Ames -**  
Semester  
Exams

**Ames -**  
Semester  
Exams

**Ames -**  
Last Day of  
School

**Urbandale**  
Girls' soccer

**Ames -**  
Baseball

**Marshalltown**  
9th/10th  
Baseball

**Urbandale -**  
Girls' soccer,  
Urbandale  
Tournament

## *And Another Year Comes to a Close*

by Tonja Brooks

Although it was awkward to have three days off and then have to wake up on a Tuesday morning to take finals, it signified one thing...another year over and another one on the way. Many students looked only as far as the day school was out while others looked much further into the future.

"I'm just ready to have school done. It has been a hard year as a freshman. I have learned a lot and enjoyed my time, but I'm not going to worry about the next school year at least until August. I deserve some time off I think," freshman **Sarah Beisser** said.

"It is kind of scary to think about college, but I know it will be here before I know it. I have applications to fill out, senior pictures to be taken, and so much other stuff to do, that I have to think about the future. It will sneak up on me if I don't and then where will I be? I don't want to be stressed my senior

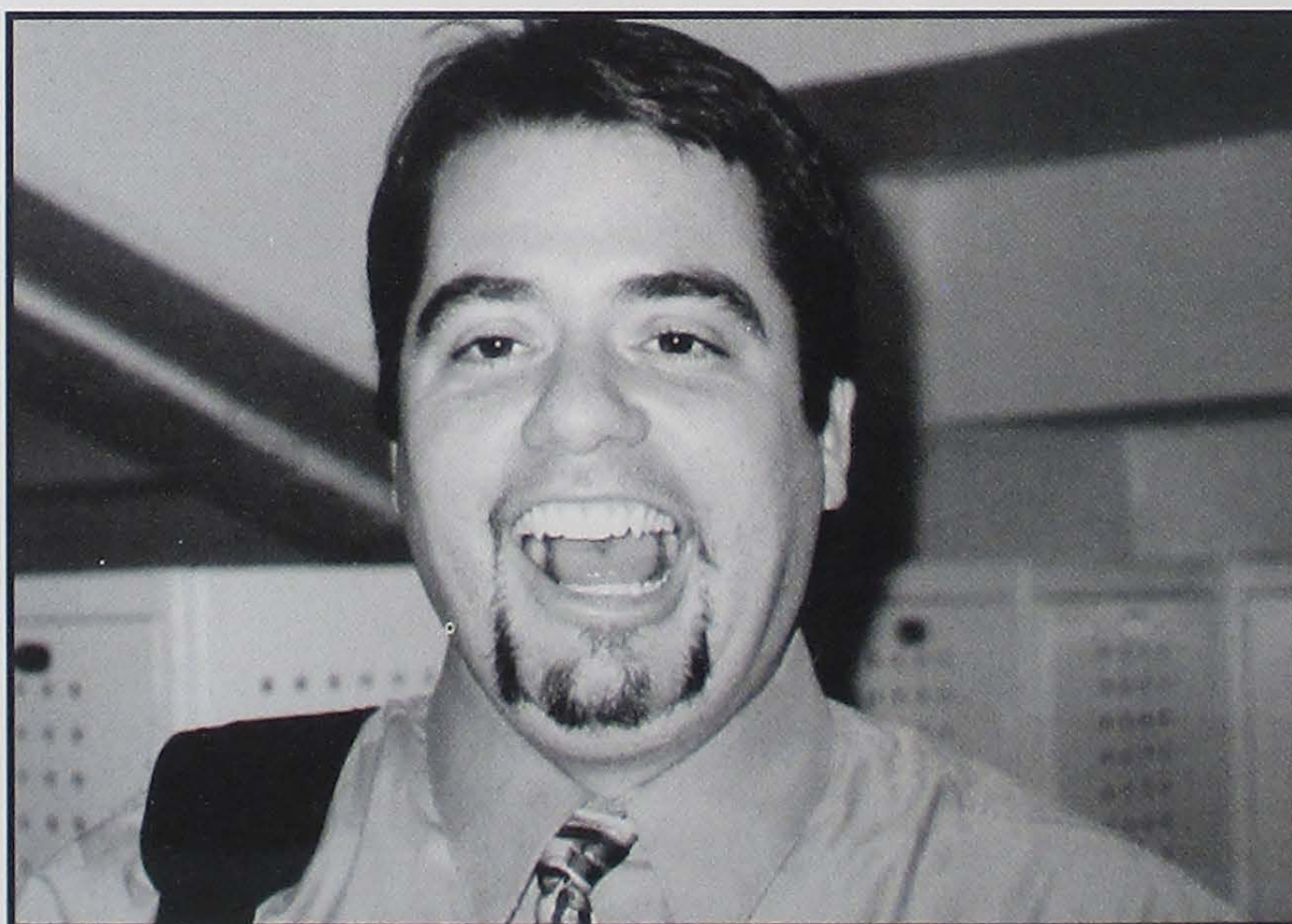
year. I want to enjoy it," junior **Rachel Bartels** said.

The end of the year always evoked different emotions from different people, but teachers seemed to admit that although they enjoyed educating, they too needed a break every now and then.

"I am leaving for Europe the day after school is out. It will be an awesome experience and I have been looking forward to it for awhile now. It will serve as a vacation, but I will also learn a lot I can bring back to the room in August," history teacher **Spencer Esslinger** said.

So no matter how the summer is spent or the days used, all will get a chance to break from the heat of classrooms and the crowded halls. That is until August, when we are counting down the days and another year will come to a close.

History teacher **Chuck Stevens** shows how he feels about the end of the school year. Stevens would not get to sleep in all summer, as many Ames High students planned to do. Stevens coached boys' baseball for the majority of the summer. (photo by Tonja Brooks)



"Hey!! We're outta here!!!!" Students packed up their bags one last time to bring the 1998-1999 school year to a close. The hallways were empty as soon as the final bell, signaling the freedom of summer, rang. (photo by Stacey Chung)

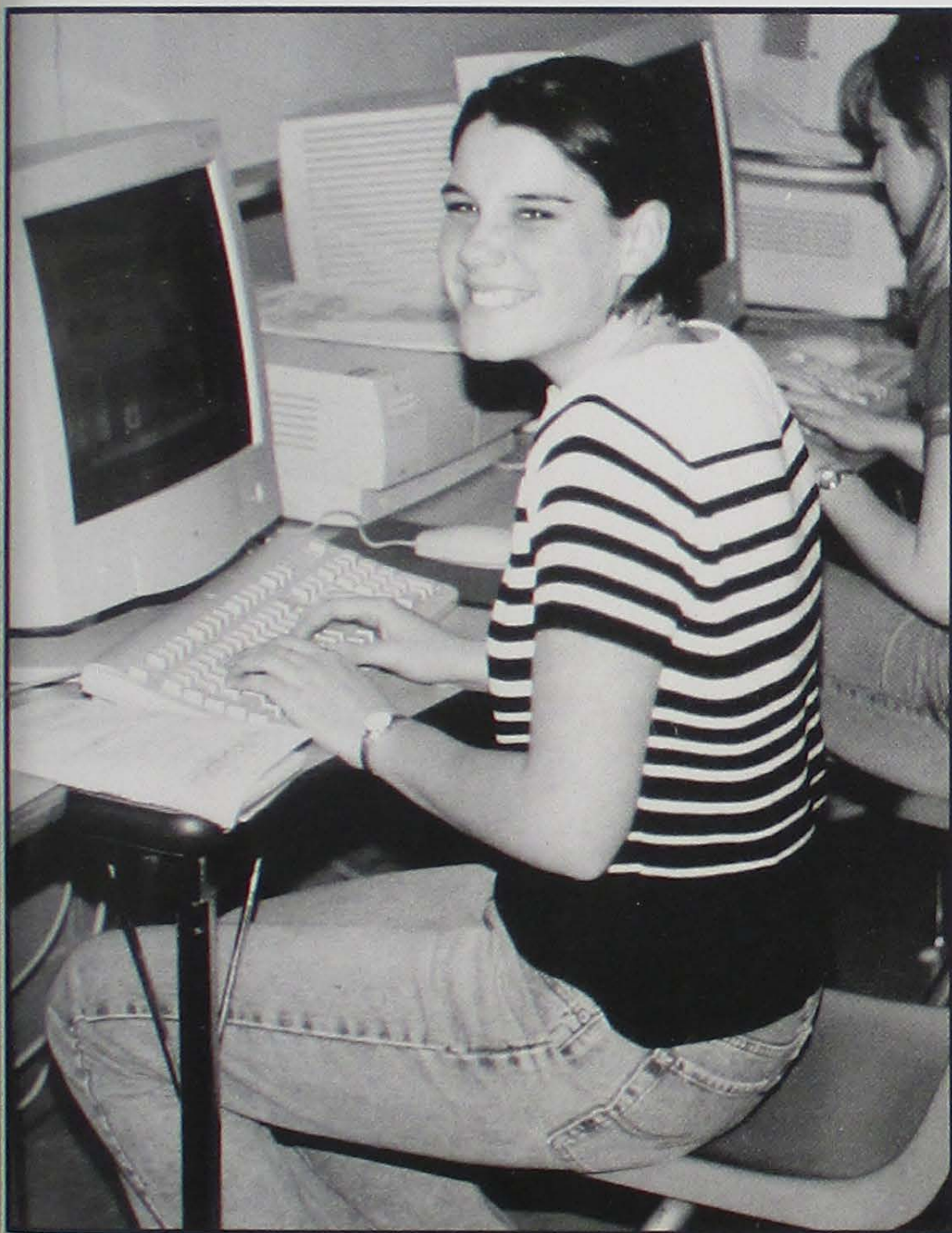


Junior **Kenny Kopecky** finds a quiet spot in between tests to study a little more. The half hour in between tests gave students an opportunity to cram more information into their already overloaded brains. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)



Freshmen **Kayla Jensen** and **Carrie Samson** cool off in the cafeteria with some ice cream. Although many students went home for lunch during finals,

some took advantage of the treats provided by the Little Cyclone Express and spent some time conversing with friends between tests. (photo by A. Chung)



Freshman **Betsy Huisenga** works on some of the final pages for the yearbook. The book, once again, done in a week by week format provided a challenge for some of the staff members.

"It's hard to keep track of everything that's going on in a week at Ames High. We are really busy kids," junior **Lindsay VanFleet** said. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)

## What are your thoughts on the last day of school?

"Great. But, I wish I could have spent more time with my friends instead of taking tests!!"

--Freshman **Ranea Bell**

"I'm ready for the year to be over. The last day is awesome!"

--Freshman **Devon McClure**

"The last day is like someone saying, 'Hey you've worked really hard so instead of having to get up at seven, we're going to let you not have to set your alarm and go sit in a classroom for three months.' That is what the last day of school means to me."

--Sophomore **Brianna Staff**

"I feel like I'm getting out of prison and there is no one to keep me from the freedom of the summer."

--Sophomore **Andy Cross**

"It is a good feeling but I also know that I am going to be very busy this summer and so it is kind of like one commitment leading into a bunch of others. It is nice though to have all the tests done and all the books turned in."

--Junior **Laura Woline**

"The last day of school is such a rush. Especially as a junior, it is so easy now to look at the future and see me out of high school. Before, when I was younger, it was like the last day of school was just an introduction to the summer, and all I worried about was what I was going to do during my time off that would be fun, but now, it's like I'm looking at what I need to do to prepare for the next few years of my life, not just the next three months. The last day of school is a milestone and which each passing one, I just realize how much has happened in the previous year, how much I've changed."

--Junior **Daniel Jeong**

"The last day of school is really a time of reflection, not just over what I have taught, but of what the kids have learned. When the students leave the building I will still be here, grading finals and cleaning out my room. With each test I grade, each poster I take down, I will remember not only what I taught this year, but also what I learned and what the students learned. I think the last day is like a rearview mirror which enables you to see where you have been."

--English teacher **Cecilia Horner**

"The last day of school is a relief to teachers and students alike, but after the way this year ended, with all the bomb threats and coming to school each day on the edge, not knowing what was going to happen, I think it was even more so. It is too bad we, staff and students and administrators, didn't get the chance to enjoy the last day as much as we could have. I think we were all kind of thinking, 'Okay, what's going to happen today?'"

--ALP teacher **Bobby Thompson**



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tennis. soccer.  
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## *Clubs and Sports*





Members of the volleyball team form a circle to pose for their team photo. (photo courtesy of Stacey Chung)



Members of concert choir dressed in their costumes all through the week of the performance to promote the event. (photo by Brian Tenney)

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# Finishing Strong

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## PEP BAND

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**1st Row:** S. Miller, G. Theesfield, N. Slutzki, D. Luban, L. Theesfield, D. Choi, S. Beisser, J. Min, J. Lee, E. Smith **2nd Row:** A. Prater, J. Croyle, E. Song, N. Kothari, C. Dial, J. Lowery, L. Hu, M. Riedesel, S. Cheuk, J. Bents **3rd Row:** E. Peiffer, E. Wells-Gray, K. Koehler, G. Elliot, H. Dobbs, M. Wendel, P. Lustgraaf, D. Mitra, M. Torrie, J. Lutz, P. Ringlee, S. Reed, K. Johnson, N. Gadia, O. Kaufman, C. Wilson, K. Appleton **4th Row:** A. Lubow, M. Hayslett, W. Shyy, E. Cavanaugh, M. Jeulfs, G. Roughton, K. Wass, B. Maroney, K. Kopecky, K. Schilling, D. Haug, R. Jones, E. Mallarino, K. McKiernan, G. Thompson, B. Bastiaans, P. Rajagopalan **5th Row:** J. Kim, K. Lee, R. Magsoodi, T. Ganzer, S. Block, A. Jensen, K. Polking, M. Mathison, E. Watts, M. Chimenti, K. Marasinghe, B. Miskimins, J. Oftedal, A. Hade, S. McConnell, T.J. Clarke, S. Reddy, S. Hart, L. Lutz, H. Polashek, M. Kolner, M. Morgan **6th Row:** W. Dowling, Mrs. Polashek, N. McAndrews, C. Norris, G. Matson, E. Hennager, N. Harpham, B. Lambi, L. Healy, S. Chapman, J. Ohman, B. Cheney, H. Keeling **Not Pictured:** S. Jiles, M. Lizaso, S. Wise, S. Lochray, K. McKiernan, P. Chimenti, R. Mukerjea



## SYMPHONIC BAND

**1st Row:** K. Marasinghe, M. Chimenti, K. Polking, K. Boysen, A. Beisser, J. Newton, C. Kracher, J. Scanes, E. Prater, M. Ho, B. Maroney, K. Kopecky **2nd Row:** J. Song, N. Slutzki, E. Beavers, Y. Shinar, B. Koppenhaver, B. Janke, S. McConnell, J. Oftedal, P. Lustgraaf, J. Carpenter, H. Keeling, D. Haug, K. Schilling, L. Goodwin, S. Canny, A. Brown, A. Diesburg **3rd Row:** K. Dilks, M. Laferriere, S. Gemmill, H. Smith, D. Gerbracht, M. Darbyshire, P. Madsen, S. Block, A. Jensen, P. Chimenti, P. Chidister, J. Diesburg, D. Jones, A. Blaedel, A. Hade, B. Miskimins, E. Watts, M. Mathison **4th Row:** C. Miller, D. Jeong, D. McClurken, J. Taege, J. Strasburg, K. Sampson, M. McDuff, J. Minion, J. McGinley, A. Thompson, L. Carlyle, T. Clark, A. Shelley, R. Beeman **5th Row:** H. Gartz, T. Noxon, R. Mukerjea, N. Peterson, J. Ohman, B. Cheney, S. Chapman



## CONCERT BAND

**1st Row:** B. Prater, S. Miller, C. Adams, K. Shonkwiler, L. VanFleet, T. Baker, K. Schuh, T. Tyler, T. Nilsen, M. Wayne, M. Berning, C. Fitch **2nd Row:** G. Montgomery, M. Morgan, K. Johnson, L. Woline, K. Jensen, R. Hall, A. Pavlik, K. Laferriere, R. Marquardt, J. Yates, K. Kunz, E. Gillott, E. Arkovich, H. Rowings, R. Matzke **3rd Row:** J. Brinkmeyer, L. Woline, M. Whited, A. Ling, B. Fu, E. Nadler, N. Auestad, C. Unga, A. McElherne, N. Meyer, J. Pederson, K. Poorman, E. Belcher, J. Hamilton, J. Reger, M. Shill, B. Heller, E. Vogel, D. Luban **4th Row:** A. Rosheim, K. Niehof, D. Watson, I. Brunner, A. Ringlee, T. Sellers, J. Koehler, S. Honn, N. Brayman, E. Vos, A. Ferris, N. Briseno, B. Greenlaw, E. Johnson, L. Coffman, A. Buck, D. Miller, D. Rothschild, A. Faeth, B. Ziegenbusch, B. Woline, E. Carter, K. McCallum, D. Mikesch, S. Diesburg, R. Nelson, N. Lueth, B. Clark **5th Row:** B. Stover, C. Krebs, C. Parrish, S. Kitchell, J. Clyde, N. Harpham **6th Row:** A. Seiler, L. Lin Ong, K. Aldridge, C. Wheeler, P. Balvanz, M. Larwick, A. Cowan, M. Helland, C. Osmundson, N. Staniforth, J. Sargent, J. VanFleet, E. Talbert, A. Otteman, A. Webb, B. Dieter, H. Gartz, C. Ewan



## FRESHMEN CHOIR



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## CONCERT CHOIR



**SOPRANOS:** C. Aaron, N. Austed, A. Brunia, L. Carlyle, E. Cavanaugh, L. Chen, M. Clyde, A. Duple, K. Johnson, K. Lacy, J. Lutz, T. Marcomb, C. Miller, E. Moore, E. Nau, J. Noll, M. Olson, A. Sibley-Rundle, M. Shonrock, G. Theesfield, D. Wright, B. Voss **ALTOS:** K. Appleton, J. Brace, A. Burgduff, C. Cline, K. Comstock, S. Craven, C. Dickson, S. Girton, S. Heideman, H. Lowman, C. Madole, M. Mallarino, M. Mathison, M. Morgan, C. Mortenson, C. Petersen, A. Peterson **TENORS:** L. Cook, J. Cooper, B. Crase, C. Krebs, R. Lott, D. Melby, B. Woline **BASSES:** K. Aldridge, L. Anderson, J. Britson, T. Brown, N. Cole, A. Cowan, C. Craig, W. Dowling, M. Ewalt, D. Hugdahl, Z. Lally, D. Lastine, P. Li, S. Noble, E. Rothmayer, C. Savely



Members of the Madrigal Singers perform at an assembly in the gymnasium. The group performed at sold out shows in December. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



## OUR APOLOGIES

The SPIRIT staff would like to apologize to the Treble Choir and Concert Chorale. At two different times, pictures were taken of the groups. The first time a mishap with the film caused no pictures, and with the second attempt half of the roll of film was exposed and therefore we had no pictures of these two groups. We are very sorry to those of you in these groups. We have included some snap shots of different events in which those of you not pictured participated. Although we realize this does not make up for the loss of your photo, we hope you understand. Thank you for your patience with us. You too, Mr. Linn.

Sincerely,

The SPIRIT staff

## TREBLE CHOIR MEMBERS

**SOPRANOS:** S. Canny, H. Chang, L. Hawana, S. Mercer, C. Peterson, M. Rosenberger, M. Sharp, H. Wilson, R. Bartels, A. Canny, J. Coy, C. Grieshop, A. Holm, P. Lustgraaf, R. Matzke, J. Veale, S. Vleck, B. Williams **ALTOS:** E. Johnston, K. Kearney, M. Ritts, E. Trevillyan, A. Van Auken

## CONCERT CHORALE MEMBERS

**SOPRANOS:** S. Chapman, B. Feeley, S. Gemmill, A. Hronek, H. Keeling, S. Kitchell, K. Koehler, C. Kracher, S. Lochray, A. Martin, S. Myers, K. Niehof, L. Pohlman, A. Prater, J. Reger, J. Sheldon, A. Shelley, J. Siefert, L. Smart, M. Thomas, K. Weitzel, L. Woline **ALTOS:** C. Adams, S. Bappe, A. Brannan, L. Burhenn, K. Crawford, K. Dilks, B. Dougan, E. Duffelmeyer, C. Gilchrist, M. Heer, S. Jones, L. Kiliper, J. Lippard, P. Lustgraaf, J. McCauley, T. Nilsen, K. Polking, M. Popelka, G. Russell, J. Scanes, S. Schmaltz, L. Theesfield, C. Tice, J. Tuttle, A. Van Der Valk, E. Vogel, L. Woline **TENORS:** B. Allen, J. Cohen, A. Diesburg, A. Doran, L. Healy, M. Heitsman II, N. Meyer, S. Mickelson, K. Strom, L. Ziebol **BASSES:** R. Beeman, N. Booth, N. Cole, R. Harman, N. Myers, A. Nakagawa, C. Parrish, K. Schainker, D. Taylor, C. Unga, A. Webb, J. Welter, K. Youngberg



Members of the treble choir lift their voices in song at a concert. The group spent a lot of time practicing and many enjoyed the experience immensely. "Chorus is a great way to let out your worries and stress. It allows me to put everything I am feeling into the music," junior **Rachel Bartels** said. (photo by Amy Chung)



Concert Chorale members listen intently to the music as they sing their assigned parts at one of their many events. Many students found that listening to others around them as well as the director was a good way to remember words and cue points. "It is nice standing next to the same person day after day so that you can really work with each other to get the right pitches. It is also a lot of fun and we all become close," senior **Shara Chapman** said. (photo by Amy Chung)



# CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS...



## ASTRA

**First Row:** Beth Bastiaans, Tina Hoffman, Katy Liu, Wendy Wirth **Second Row:** Maggie Shonrock, Laura Lutz, Anna Jackson, MaryJune Jackson **Third Row:** Abbey haggart, Melanie Olson, Shelly Honn, Shannon Buzzen, Aimie Mekemson, Mary Lokken  
**Not Pictured:** Natalie Cornwell, Casee Erickson, Anya Savikhin, Mary Kolner, Carrie Gatewood, Kate Bullen



## 100th GREEN BUTTERFLY

Ava Golchin, Karleen Weitzel, Brynna Greenlaw, Karina Jensen, Rebekkah Nelson, Anna Zimmerman, Elizabeth Beavers, Joel Britson

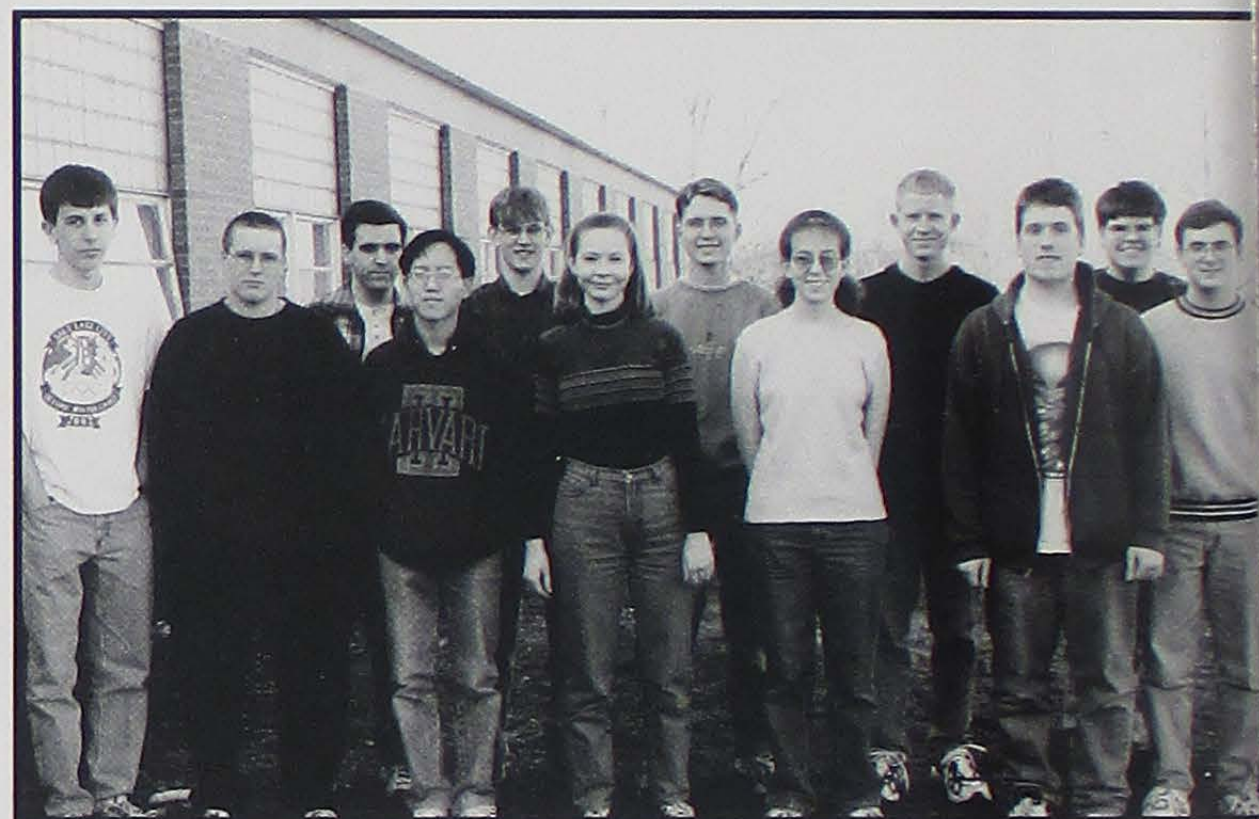


Something for everyone!!!



## CHESS CLUB

**Front Row:** Adam Roark, Jeff Croyle, Philip Vega, Mark Sorensen, Mohammad Salir Asar, Coach Roger Gotschall **Back Row:** Kejing Wang, Geoff Z. Thompson, Natha Ackerson, Adam Diesburg, Daniel Chen



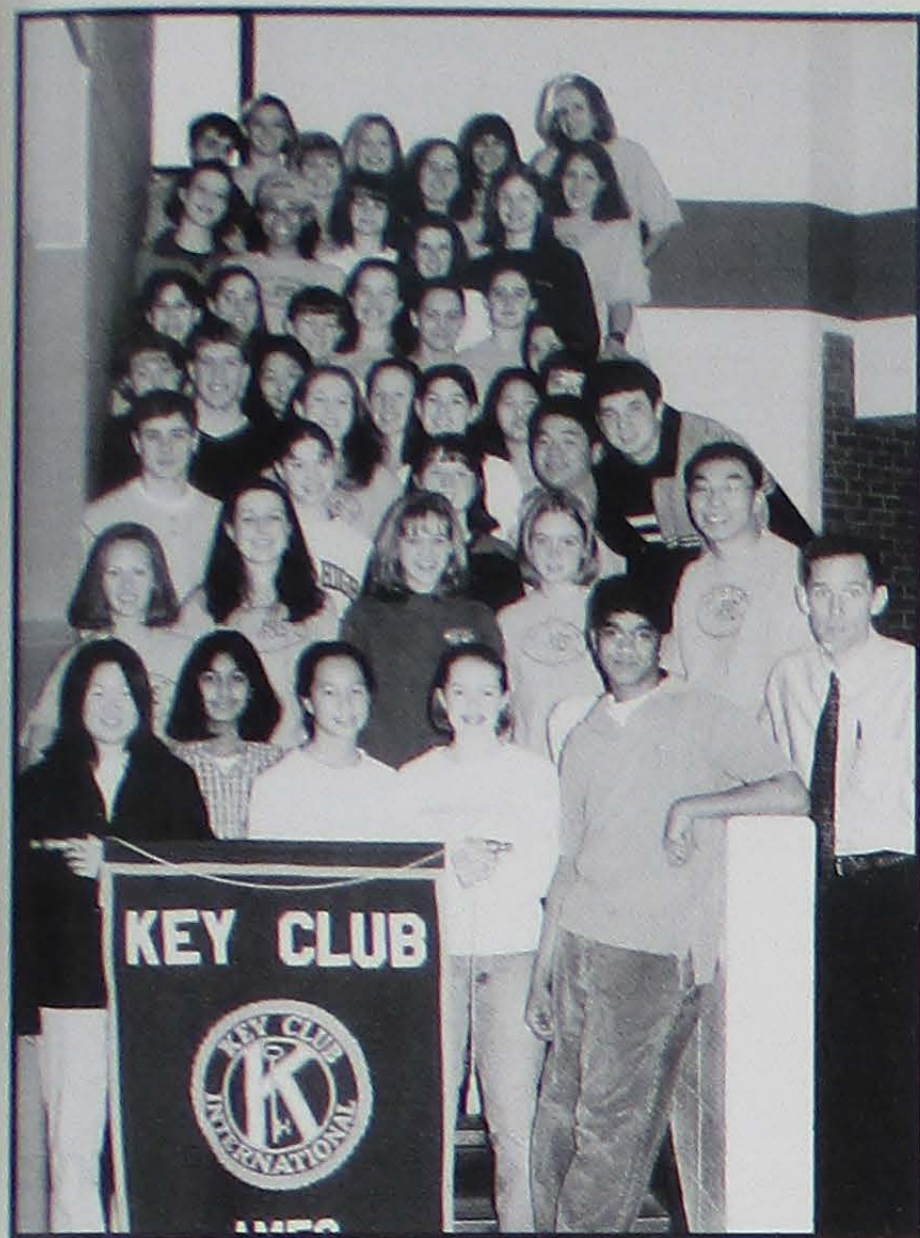
## HOMEPAGE CLUB

**Front Row:** Jeff Russell, Logan Cook, John Kim, Meredith Morgan, Milana Richardson, Evan Rothmayer, Chris Sturm **Back Row:** Andrew Brodie, Ross Wirth, Sam Miller, Ross Miller, Nick Meyer

## HUMAN RELATIONS

**First Row:** Sara Antion, Meisha Colbert **Second Row:** Susan Vleck, Erika Prater, Kira Wade, Sarah Kitchell, Cherise Rollins **Third Row:** Bryna Greenlaw, Sneha Kothari, Derek Rollins, Andy Cowan, Reggie Greenlaw, Juan Gonzalez, Lindsay VanFleet, Stacie Dunlap





### KEY CLUB

**First Row:** Jessica Lee, Shilpa Reddy, Amanda Yeung, Amanda Hyde, Eknath Vittal, Todd Voldstedt **Second Row:** Jill Larson, Jenifer Lowry, Katie Horton, Amy Sargent, Nick Myers **Third Row:** Casey Winkleblack, Amy Logston, Kelly Packer, Daniel Jeong, Brigham Van Auken **Fourth Row:** Rachel Taes, Sam Ruppert, Julie Song, Kristi Wass, Ann Benson, Emily Hennager, Sherry Cheuk **Fifth Row:** Theresa Horton, Laura Ritland, Laura Carlyle, Megan Hunziker, Emily Gleeson, Megan Doering, Melissa McElvain **Sixth Row:** Erica Lynn, Erin Martin, Sarah Gemmill, Hannah Keeling, Lisa Smart, Sarah Osmundson **Seventh Row:** Mike Messina, Megan Harms, Joni Hunziker, Lori Olson, Megan Sweeney, Megan Popelka, Ellen Haws



### RULES REVIEW

Emily Nau, Andrew Goedeken, Nate Ginder, Gina Russell



### LIGHTING CREW

Dusan Jeftinjia, Linnea Woline, Ben Woline, Seth Bacon **Not Pictured:** Carly Swanson, Cal Osmundson



### JUNIOR/SENIOR MENTORS

**First Row:** Missy Ridnour, Jamie Voss, Kristi Roosa, Andrea Beisser, Emily Dufflemeyer, Julie VanSlyke **Second Row:** Julie Avey, Anila Persaud, Hannah Keeling, Michelle Maxwell, Nealy Rebaracak, Beth Miskimins, Julia, McGlnley, Shawne Kingsbury, Jafar Azmayesh **Third Row:** Jason Crawford, Jason Shuck, Daniel Fernandez-Baca, Joni Hunziker, Mary Russell, Lisa Smart, Jessica Ensley, Sarah Jones, Lidsay Heiligenthal, Sarah Osmundson **Fourth Row:** Dan Taylor, Brad Lawler, Adam Diesburg, Cherise Rollins, Ellen Haws, Nyanda Donaldson, Spencer Mickleson



### MOCK TRIAL

**First Row:** Shelpa Reddy, Brea Peterson, Nandita Agarwal, Jocelyn Marcus, Becky Heller, Janice Gustafson, Maria Misra **Second Row:** Sandy Quintero, Wayne Shy, Sneha Kothari, L. Lin Ong, Lucy hu, Laura Carlyle, Julie Song **Third Row:** Sarah Benson, Melanie Olson, Melanie Torrie, Evan ouyang, Philip Vega, Kejing Wang, Sarah White



## SADD

**First Row:** Alex White, Luke Healy, Anne Shelley, Kristin Niehof, Elspeth Hagge, Kim Schuh, Melissa Shill **Second Row:** Beth Miskimins, Abby Hade, Andrea Beisser, Anila Persaud, Jessica Bents, Heather Lowman, Elissa Thompson, Amber Foley **Third Row:** Amanda Hyde, Kelly McMaken, Megan Greulich, Meredith Mull, Jessica Noll, Angie Schroeder, Roya Maghsoodi, Abbey Townsend **Fourth Row:** Aaron Weiss, Brendon Persaud, Mark Poist, Lisa Smart, Christine Poist, Laura McElherne, Emily Nau, Carly Swanson **Not Pictured:** Kelly Packer, Jessica Ensley, Joel Minion



## SENIOR SENATE

**Front Row:** Jamie Voss, Katie Doyle, Jill Hardy, Nealy Rebarcak **Back Row:** Leonard Larson, Kris Magel, Lisa Smart, Steve Peterson, Lori Olson, Jafar Asmeyish



## JUNIOR SENATE

**Front Row:** Ryan Cross, Casee Erickson, Jill Larson, Wendy Charleston, Laura Woline, Kristin Brown, Sarah Tapper **Back Row:** Kevin Schainker, Carol Adams, Molly Muehe, Megan Harms, Samantha Dorr, Stacey McConnell, Tracy Tyler, Sue Nebbe



## SOPHOMORE SENATE

**First Row:** Julie Reger, Ann Benson, Sylvia Fanous, Erin Belcher, Annie Fanous, Megan Whited **Second Row:** Laura Obrycki, Megan Berniing, Amy Swanson, Meredith Morgan, Ellyn Moore, Lindsay Erickson, Kelly Kunz, L. Lin Ong, Chelsea Fitch, Angie Schroeder, Lucy Carey **Third Row:** Candy Albaugh, Emily Polich, Andrea Steele, Erin Martin, Brian Clark, Brandon Crase, Jim Van Fleet, Jeff Croyle



## FRESHMEN SENATE

**Front Row:** Nandita Agarwal, Rachel Jones, Amanda Yeung, Sarah Beisser, Melissa Owen **Back Row:** Matt Mowers, Sam Ruppert, Ben Erbes, Alex Domoto



## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

**Front Row:** John Kim, Joel Britson, John Schoeeler, Katie McKiernan, Mary Kohner, Pam Keigley **Back Row:** Phil Gillot, Joe Kim, Meredith Morgan, Kate Bullen, Laura Lutz, Lucy Hu



## SPECTRUM

**Front Row:** Katie Dilks, Katie McKiernan, Andy Cowan, Emily Watts, Alyson Propes, Kali Hayslett, Jon Russell **Back Row:** Caite Grieshop, Julia McGinley, Gina Russell, Alex Sibley Rundle, Sarah Lasley, Elisabeth Gillott, Andy Struck-Marcell, Roger Jacobson



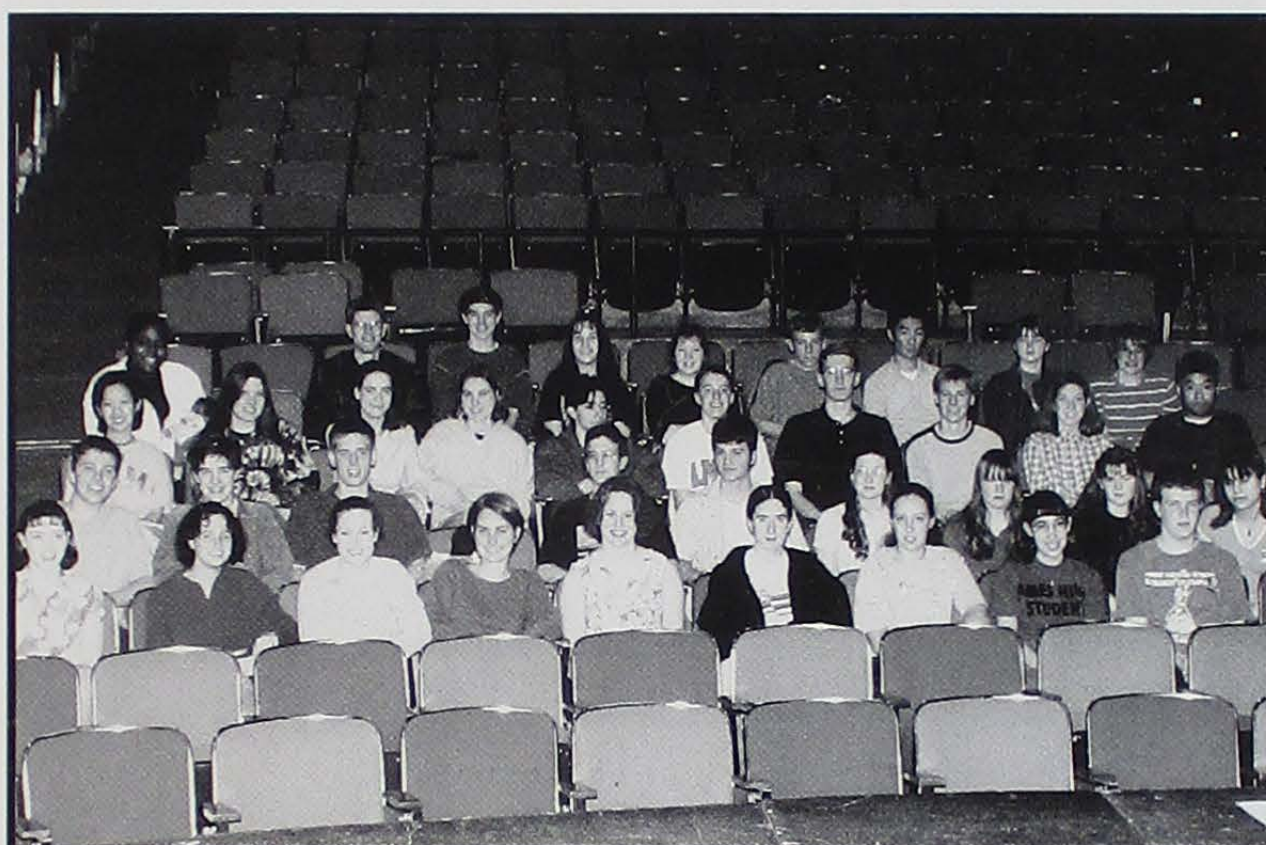
## SPIRIT

**First Row:** Ross Wirth **Second Row:** Houdy Khosravi, Lori Olson, Brian Jensen, Lydia VanHorn, Stacey Chung, Ellen Haws, Andrew Brodie **Third Row:** Tonja Brooks, Nicole Olson, Eknath Vittal, Erin Martin, Amy Chung, Betsy huisenga, Sarah Rathert, Molly Muehe, Amanda Hopper, Parsa Fattahi



## SKI CLUB

**Front Row:** Emily Nau, Allison Buck, Luke Healy, Alex White, JP Crawford, Adam Shaul, Erica Lynn, Amy Ching, Lisa Corley, Jessie Kinyon, Katie Naeve, Leslie Crawford, Brian Jensen, Steven Hoenick, Brad Larson, Chris Jutting, Nate Hostetter, Greg Payne **Back Row:** Ben Stover, Erik Guffy, Paul Myers, Steven Block, David Miller, Erin Gallagher, Sam Miller, Christi Baumeister, Greg Elliott, Christine VanMeter, Matt Hinders, Matt Drott, Justin Strodtman, David Melby, Mike Mortensen, Marcus Mitchell



## SPEECH CLUB

**First Row:** Brekk Feeley, Melissa Heer, Analies vanderValk, Elizabeth Vogel, Erika Prater, Hannah Dobbs, Hillary Rowings, Katie Dilks, Andy Cowan **Second Row:** Nate Staniforth, JimVanFleet, Jon Sargent, Amir Efrati, Dan Carter, Alexandra Rundle, Beth Bastiaans, Amy Ditzel, Tina Hoffman **Third Row:** L. Lin Ong, Sarah White, Emily Nau, Elizabeth Talbert, Bogden Costic, Tim Hibbing, Adlai Hurt, Andrew Ringlee, Sarah Beissser, Daniel Jeong **Fourth Row:** Gwen Atkinson (coach), Nathan Cole, Tim Noxon, Megan Thomas, Julie Coy, Peter Ringlee, Wayne Shy, Abby Hade, Connie Ringlee (coach)



Junior **Jill Larson** won All-State honors in expository speaking. This year was a new beginning to the speech program at the high school. Many students were excited to have the opportunity to excel in the area of public speaking.





## STUDENT COUNCIL

**First Row:** Sylvia Fanous, Brian Clark, Jennifer Oftedal, Linnea Woline, Robyn Matske, Jennifer Lowry, Jessica Pfeiffer, Erin McCuskey **Second Row:** Julie Song, Sarah White, Emily Nau, Gina Russell, John Russell, Sara Simmons, Andrew Goedeken, Katherine Acker **Third Row:** Laura Ng, Tanya Nielson, Katie Dilks, Brenna Dougan, Sarah Kitchell, Stephen Diesburg, Hannah Dobbs, Claire Gilchrist **Fourth Row:** Kyle Schilling, Jon O'Connell, KiWhoon Lee, Nate Hostetter, Mary Russell, Shannon Floyd, Erica Lynn **Fifth Row:** Mert Akin, Patrick Finn, Chip Wandling, Shawn Sebastian, Jon Mowers, Jill Larson



## TEK CLUB

**Front Row:** Kristina Boysen, Andy Cowan **Back Row:** John Rearick, Michael Ciccotti, Chris Sturm



## WEB

**First Row:** Jacek Pruski **Second Row:** Wayne Shyy, Gina Russell, Michelle Birt, Hannah Dobbs, Michelle Maxwell, Erik Guffy **Third Row:** Darin Johnson, Jeff Christian, Aki Nakagawa, Shawn Sebastian, Tim Larson, Claire Gilchrist, Luke Pool **Fourth Row:** Heather McElvain, Ben Wendel, Tiffany Belz, Josh Welter, Paul Myers **Fifth Row:** Bill Ingwersen, Mary Russell, Chip Wandling, Houdy Khosravi, Randy Pyle



## YARC

**First Row:** Angie Bennett, Amy Koch, Mary Wauson **Second Row:** Angie Smith, Diana O'Riley, Rachel Teas **Third Row:** Megan Kent, Joy Brinkmeyer, Mrs. Ertz, Elisa Dix **Fourth Row:** Amy Mekensen, Kelly Packer, Andi Crawford, Megan Greulich **Fifth Row:** Brandon Harris, Ashley Vorgensen, Clint Messina, Jenni Wulf **Sixth Row:** Melissa Moore, Marc Life, Sarah Lochray, Sarah Lasley, Kelly Snyder



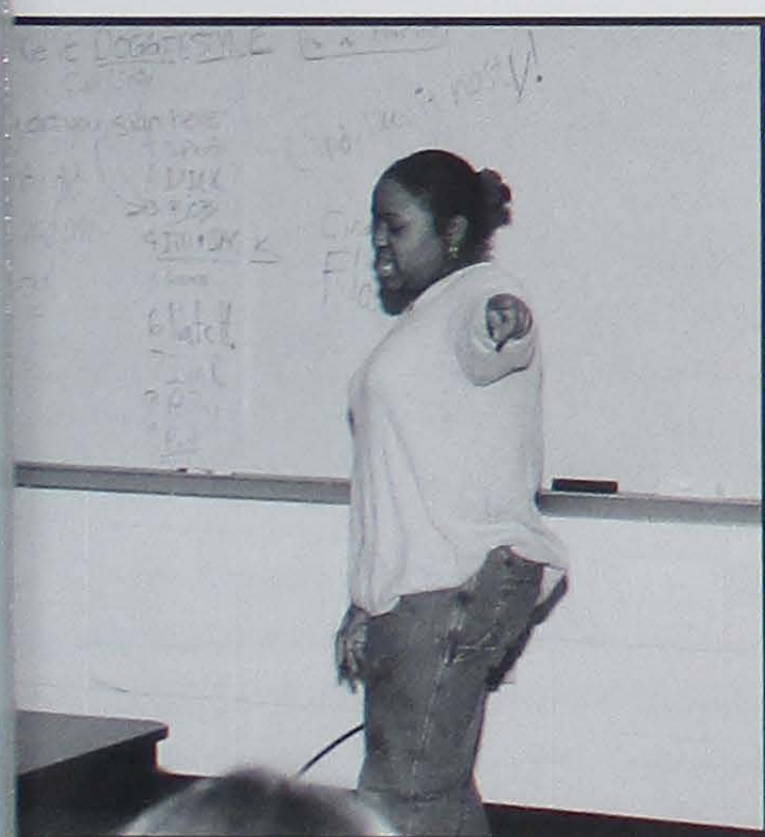
## CLUB CANDIDS



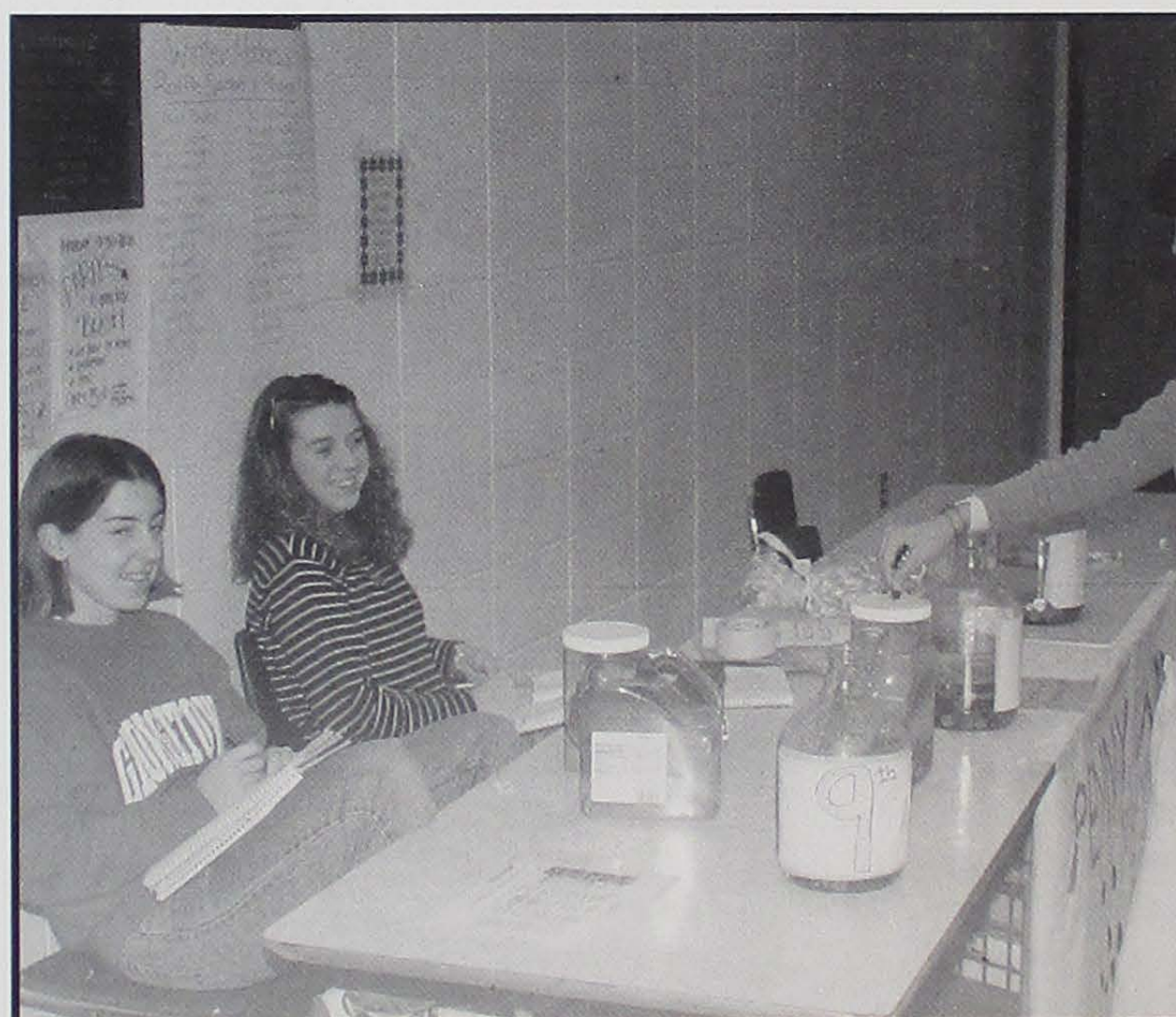
Members of the Senior Girls' Club take a break from decorating for Winter Formal and smile for the camera. The theme was based on Mardi Gras and many students left the dance wearing beads that had been table decorations. (photo courtesy of Ann Stokka)



Seniors **Adam Diesburg** and **Emily Watts** share some dance moves during a Swing Club demonstration. The club was for students of all ages and all ability levels. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Meisha Colbert** emphatically sends away a harasser during a skit put on by the Human Relations Commtee. The group used the skits as a way to identify inappropriate behavior and how to react to comments and actions without losing your cool. (photo by Stacey Chung)



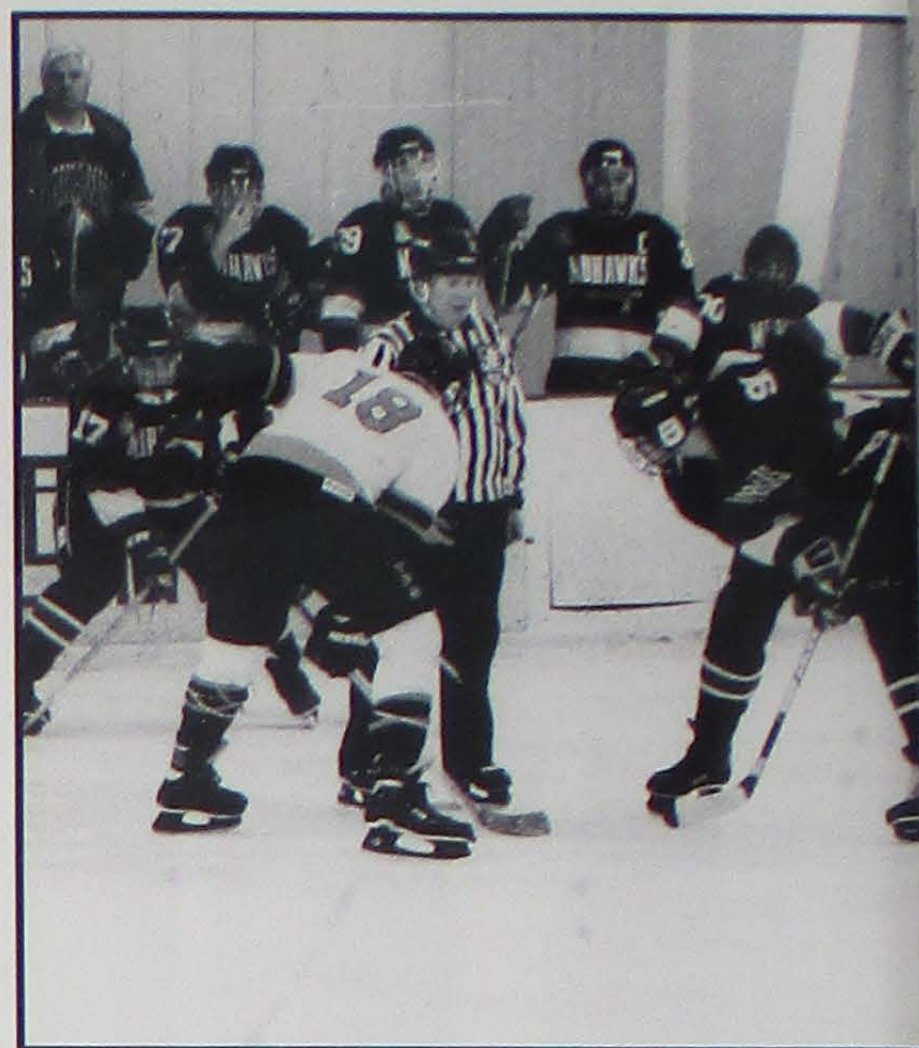
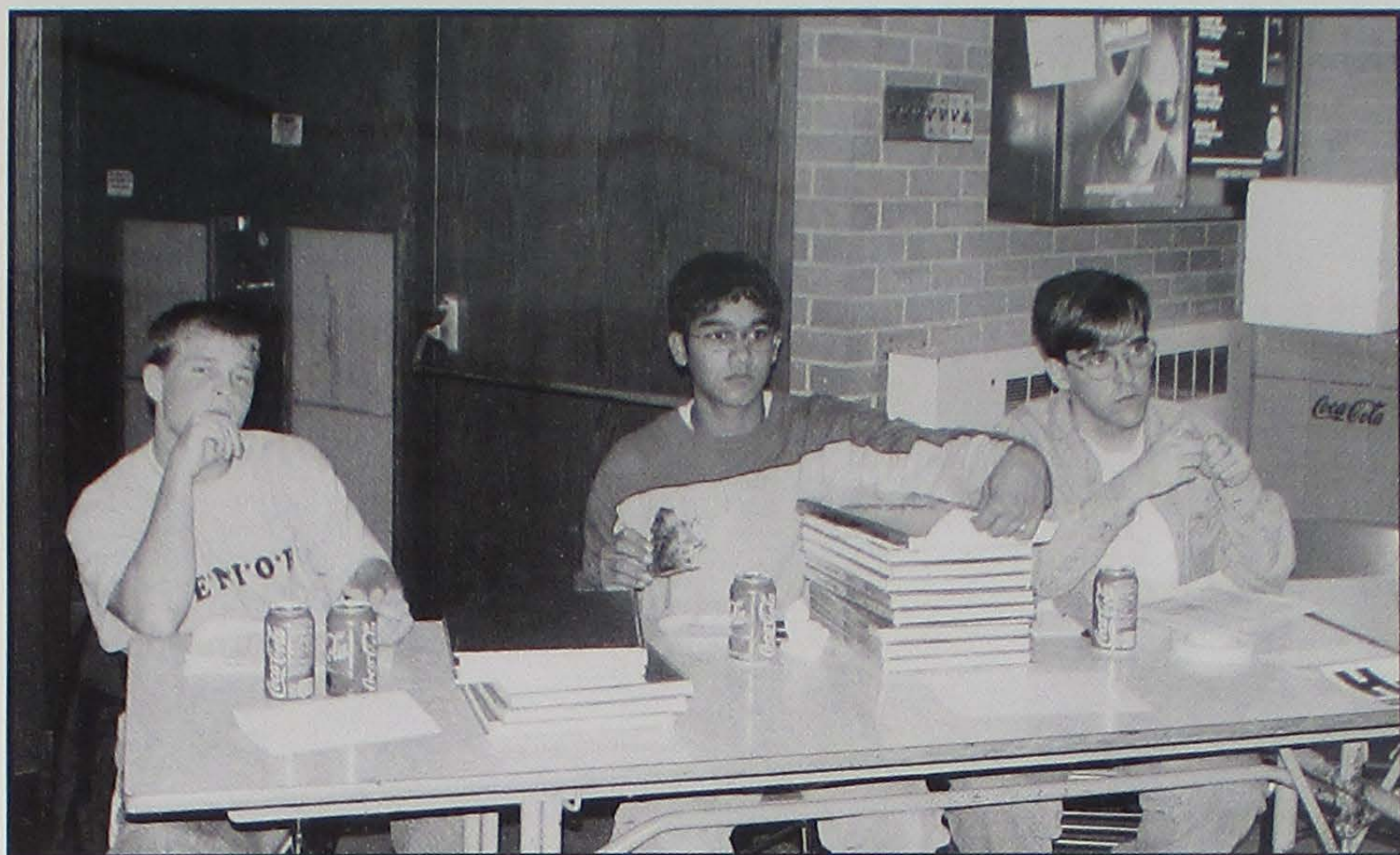
Freshmen **Erin McCuskey** and **Sarah Beisser** watch intently as Senior **Megan Poelka** drops quarters into the sophomore jar during Penny Wars. It wouldn't have been all bad except the idea was to have the least amount of cash in your respective class' jar at the end of the week. The game was part of Winter Madness put on by Student Council and the money was donated to needy families in Story county. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)



Yearbook members, senior **Brian Jensen**, sophomore **Eknath Vittal**, and senior **Andrew Brodie**, prepare to handout the 1997-1998 book. For

the first time ever, a book signing party was held, complete with pizza and pop. (photo by Brian Tenney)

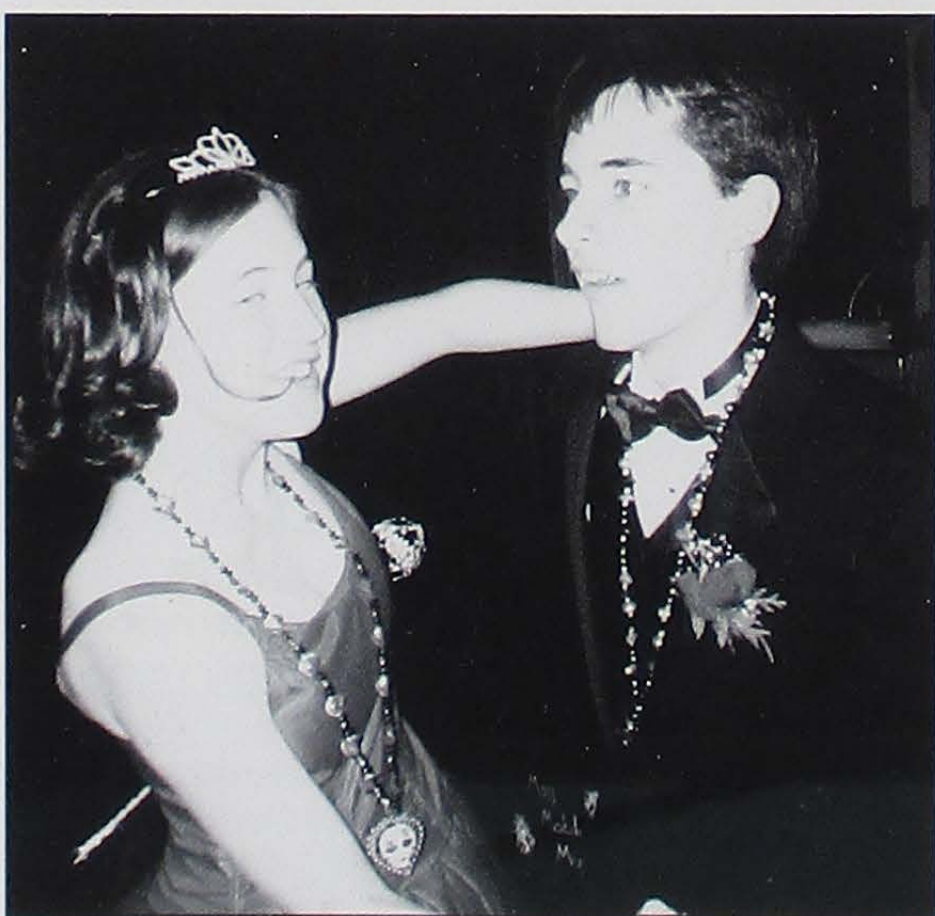
Junior **Mike O'Connell** faces off against Mason City Mohawk. (photo by Brian Tenney)



Open up and say... Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do. Members of the chorus are directed by **Mr. Lynn** during the Spring Concert. "I have enjoyed singing while at Ames High, senior **Leah Thesfield** said. (photo by Amy Chung)



Winter Formal King and Queen, seniors **Ryan Beman** and **Sarah Kittell** dance the night away. The dance was put on by the Senior Girls' Club and was held at the Union. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Junior members of the football team scream as loud as they

can during the first pep assembly. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Many Ames High fans support the volleyball team as they made it to State for the first time this year. The team took on the Go Hawks from Waverly -Shell Rock and lost in three games. " This was an experience that I will never for-

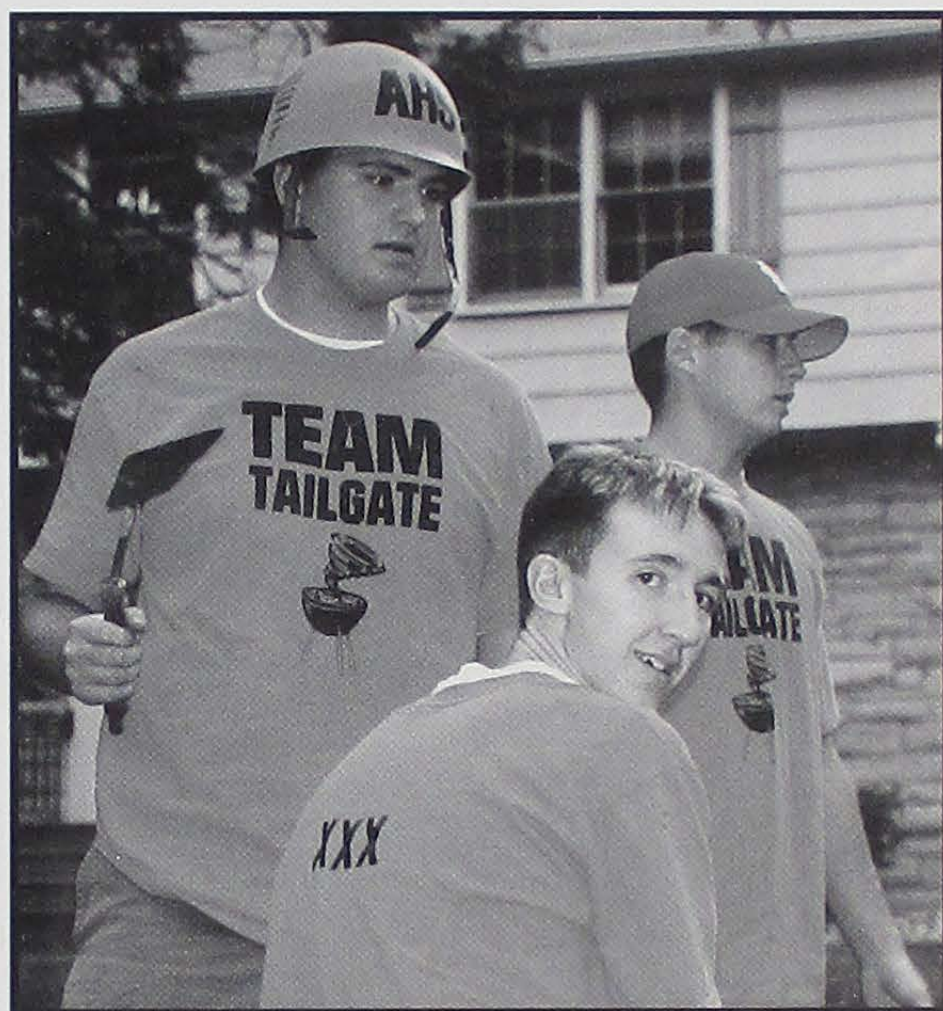
get and we played our best but we got beat by a better team,' senior **Ellen Haws** said. "It was still fun doing crazy makeovers and hanging out with the team." The team finished the season 23-10. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Mandy Noll** takes a warm up lap during a pre-meet practice. The laps helped the swimmers stretch out

and focus on the race. It also gave them a chance to get used to the water. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

Great balls of fire ...Junior **Jessi Shield** prepares to put out the flaming ends of a baton that senior **Emily Watts** twirled during a performance. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Seniors **Nate Hostetter, Steve Peterson** and **Jeff Hitching**, decide if it's time to flip the burgers or not. Team Tailgate was formed by a group of guys who were not out for football but wanted to support their team. (photo byMandi Hardy)



Juniors **Ryan Hutchinson, Kurt McGeeney, Jon Hoyt, Dan Burrow** and **Andy Kohler** take a break from hitting the slopes in Colorado. (photo courtesy of Andy Kohler)

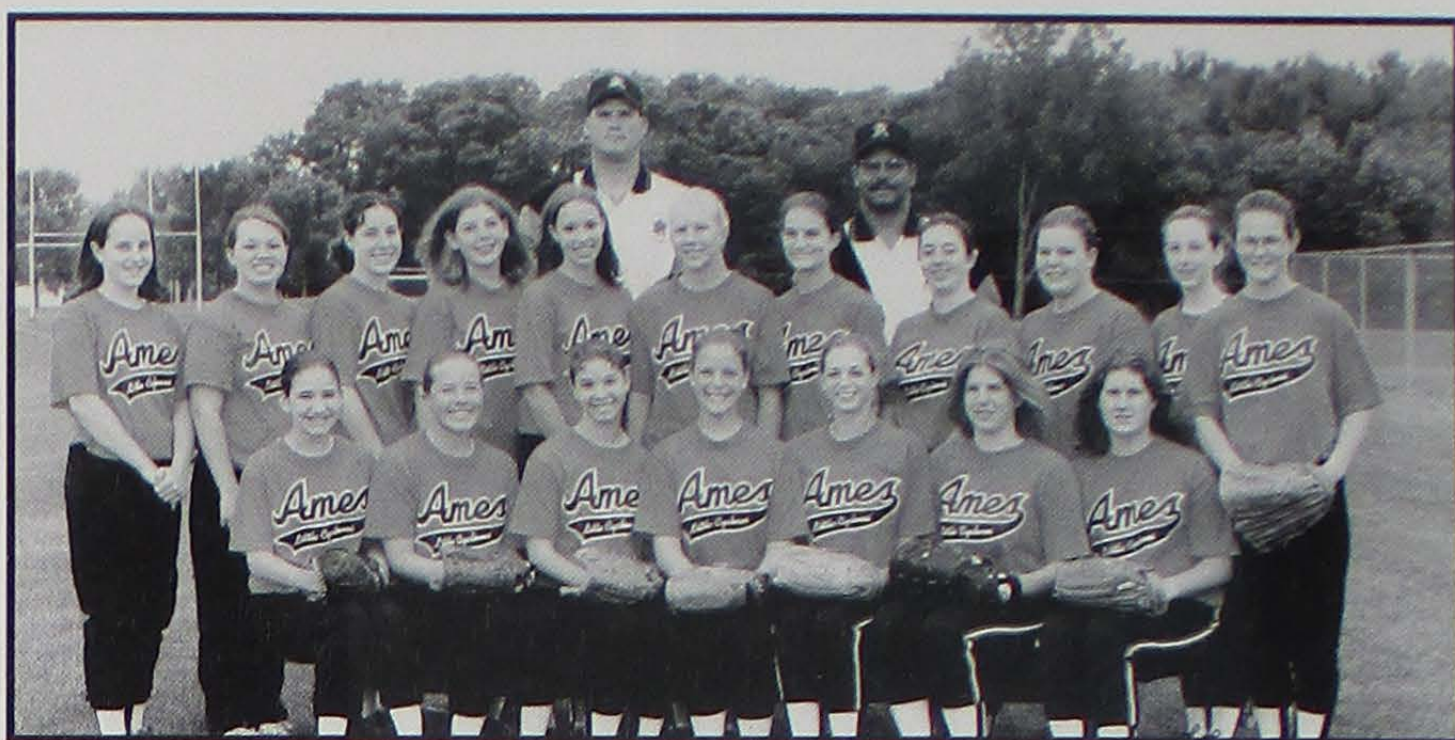




# SOFTBALL

## FRESHMEN

**Row 1:** Melissa Mikesch, Megan Hunziker, Amy Logston, Annon Woodin, Carrie Samson, Krystal Myers, Melissa Owen **Row 2:** Andrea Crase, Jessi Rutherford, Laura Ritland, Katie Nelson, Sara Simons, Val Matters, Kelly McMaken, Erin Wiederholt, Mindy Hamilton, Jocelyn Marcus, Natalie Topp **Row 3:** Coach Kain, Coach Clinton



## JUNIOR VARSITY

**Front Row:** Terri Stalheim, Lynse Schmidt, Eri Martin, Andrea Steele, Jenny Tuttle, Carly Mortensen, Coach Gorman **Back Row:** Coach Jurgensen, Samantha Dorr, Stephanie Schmaltz, Devo McClurken, Jamie Voss, Taylor Anderson, Coach Kepley



## VARSITY

**Front Row:** Abbey Carter, Betsy Deardorff, Robin Boyd, Jenny Carpenter, Jamie Voss, Sara Tapper, Carrie Kearney, Coach Kepley **Back Row:** Coach Jurgensen, Anne Koch, Samantha Dorr, Molly McNertney, Beth Peterson, Anne Legg, Megan Sweeney, Taylor Anderson, Stephanie Schmaltz, Coach Gorman



# BASEBALL



## FRESHMEN



**Row 1:** Adam Brown, Jacob Hammonds, Steve Wise, Billy Warren, Ben Swenson, Matt Stark, Danny Jones **Row 2:** Brad Harris, Brian Shelton, Travis Knapp, Matt Hitchings, Ben Gunning, Nick Galvin, Casey Winkleback, Scott Sienknecht **Row 3:** Derek Watson, Carl Prater, Elliot Dowling, Coach Ruebel, Greg Payne, Coach Monroe, Jordan Whalen, Chris Konopa

## SOPHOMORE

**Row 1:** Blake Shephard, Sam Kruger, John Holscher, Coach Johnston, George Hetfield, Andy Kohler, Michael Miller **Row 2:** Jamie Colbert, David Ling, Andrew Penney, Graham VanHorn, Daniel Burrow, Trey Burge **Row 3:** Dan Hatt, Jamie Smith, Matt Murphy, Michael Drennan, Ben Stark

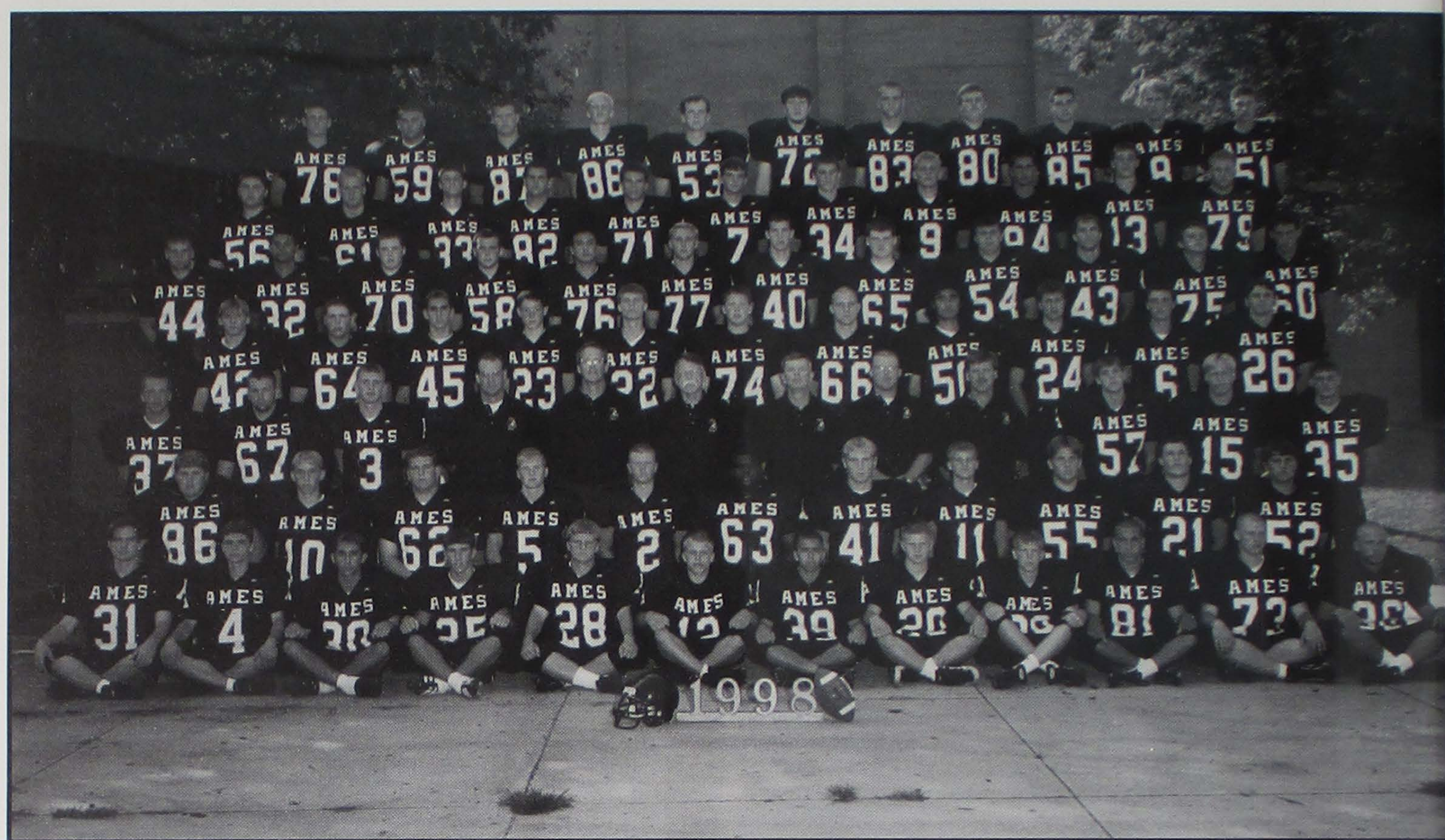


## VARSITY

**Row 1:** Jared Abbott, Tony Albaugh, Kyle Schilling, Josh Greenlee, Garret Burrier, Stewart Honn, Justin Hamilton **Row 2:** Brock Swenson, Jeff Happe, Brandon Neff, Scott Cameron, Ross Miller, Michael Doran, Rommy Mohammad, Aaron Greving **Row 3:** Mike Downs, Justin Knapp, Coach Lawler, Coach Posegate, Coach Stevens, Trainer, Troy Devens **Row 4:** Nathan Hill, Micah Martinez, Brad Lawler, Seth Shephard, Jared Hill, Ryan Paul



# FOOTBALL



## VARSITY

**Row 1:** Wojciech Kornaga, Simon Wilson, Parsa Fattahi, Curt McGeeney, Seth Redmond, Steven Honeick, Louis Andrade, Mike Reger, Mark Poist, Patrick Cole, Nathan Booth, Tony Albaugh **Row 2:** Jared Abbot, Dan Hatt, Chris Jutting, Stuart Honn, Garet Burrier, Baba Agbaje, Adam Crumpton, Dan Burrow, John Bessmar, Carston Blackwelder, Jeff Calentine **Row 3:** Alan Penner, Justin Ward, Brandon Bogue, Coach Downs, Coach Vertanen, Coach Daddow, Coach Pelzer, Coach Johnston, Coach Burrow, Ryan Hutchinson, Brandon Neff, Keven Heiberger **Row 4:** Jon Mowers, Jay Vogel, Kevin Schainker, Bill Linahon, Joe Hugdahl, Brian Owens, Mike Parker, Chaudry Farhan, Erik Distler, Adam Doran, Adam Carlson **Row 5:** Jeff Happe, Aaron Greving, Mike Frieberg, Bob Linahon, Aki Nakagawa, Aaron Weiss, Todd Tarbox, Doug Houghton, Tim Distler, Troy Devens, Justin Cochren, Mike Shrum **Row 6:** Richie Harman, Devin Wetzal, Micheal Huisenga, Andrew Smelser, Ryan Risse, John Holscher, George Hetfield, Justin Knapp, Ryan Paul, Andy Kohler, Nathaniel Ginder **Row 7:** Ben Cronin, Nick Rahfaldt, Seth Shepherd, Jason Crawford, Rob Adams, Randy Pyle, Matt Woodley, Eric Crawford, Blake Shepherd, Brad Lawler, Sam Kruger

## FRESHMEN

Members of the freshmen football team are:

Anthony Accola, Tony Borich, Danny Brinkheide, Andrew Brown, Casey Brown, Tyler Cardwell, Caleb Caton, Josh Couture, Anthony Dauterive, TR Dilla, Matt Drennan, Joseph Dunlay, Alvin Ferrara, Gene Garcia, Dan Habhab, Rizal Harun, Jay Honeyman, Adam Hyer, Kyle Jones, Kyle Jones, Anthony Kassis, Matt Kinker, John Koehler, Derek Larson, Charles Lichfield, Kevin McCormick, Nick Miller, Grant Mohlke, JC Morris, Matt Mowers, Levi Nichols, Shaun Olson, Brandon Pei, Ben Pererson, Josh Purcell, Tony Quartaro, Alex Rios, Kyle Rippey, Joe Rippke, Ian Ritz, Jeffery Roberts, Obed Romiri, Sam Ruppert, Jonathan Russell, Oscar Saldana, Bryan Shelton, Matt Stark, David Sunderberg, Andrew Tice, Brandon Toresdahl, BJ Wanger, Nathan Ward, Chris Warren, Nick Welter, Dan Wierson, Chase Winkey, Casey Winkleblack, Stephen Wise, Mike Young.

## SOPHOMORE

Members of the Sophomore Football Team are:

Justin Abbot, Peter Acker, Kole Agbaje, Mark Bokhoven, Adam Brown, Tyler Clarke, Brandon Cornelius, Ben Cronin, Andy Cross, Jeff Croyle, Drew Deiter, Elliott Dowling, Keith Duffy, Brian Grove, Jacob Hammans, Brandon Heath, Matt Hitchings, David Hugdahl, Craig Johnson, Erik Johnson, Dan Jones, Micah Juelfs, Michael Knapp, Travis Knapp, Chrins Konopa, David Larson, Nick Larson, David Ling, Jasper MacDonald, Michael Miller, Christopher Parrish, Greg Payne, Carl Prater, Aaron Rosheim, Jamie Smith, Luke Stigler, Tim Abraham, John Tucker, Ryan Underwood, Gram VanHorn, Josh Wagner, Derek Watson, Jordan Whalen

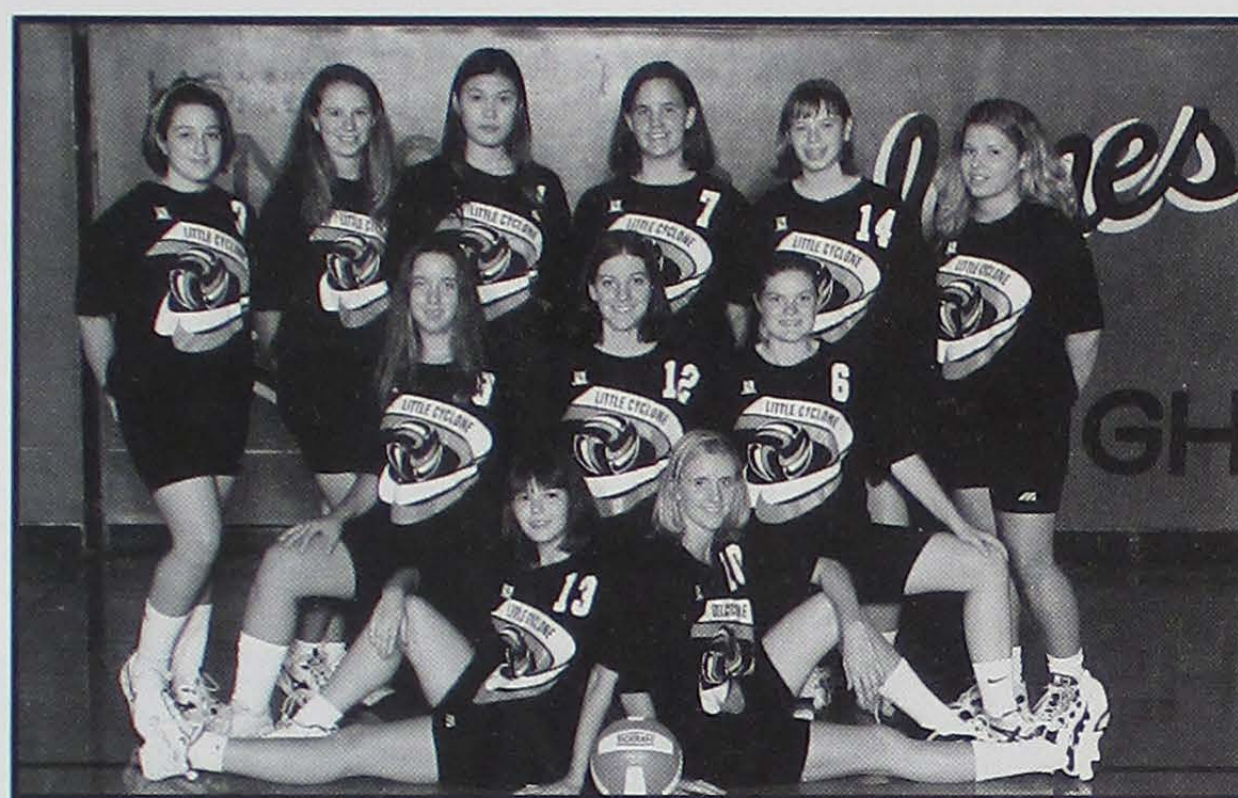


# VOLLEYBALL



## FRESHMEN

**Row 1:** Jill Nelsen, Amy Logston, Dorota Pruski, Annon Woodin, Megan Hunziker, Erika Takle, Melisse Owen **Row 2:** Laura Ritland, Stephanie Smelser, Jessi Rutherford, Hope Okere, Carrie Samson, Katie Nelson, Kelly McMaken, Rachelle Ruggle **Row 3:** Coach Joensen, Dara Poorman, Kelly Jutting, Courtney Jones, Betsy Huisenga, Emily Gleeson, Sarah Smart, Oriana Kaufmann, Coach Testroet



## SOPHOMORE

**Row 1:** Elissa Thompson, Leslie Westgate **Row 2:** Betsy Ziegenbusch, Jessica Noll, Lindsay Erickson **Row 3:** Krista Comstock, Allison Buck, Stephanie Carroll, Abby Townsend, Jessica Gilleon



## JUNIOR VARSITY

**Front Row:** Lisa Corley, Nicole Brownfield, Amy Chung, Sarah Krumm, April Wissink, Samantha Dorr **Back Row:** Coach Hugdahl, Laura Skladany, Kristin Brown, Megan Morrow, Jessica Kinyon, Rachel Tapper

## VARSITY

**Front Row:** Molly McNertney, Betsy Deardorff, Jessica Wray, Stacey Chung, Shawne Kingsbury, Sarah Krumm, Sarah Tapper, Manager **Back Row:** Coach, Megan Harms, Sarah Osmundson, Mary Jischke, Ellen Laws, Heidi McElroy, Erin Martin, Coach Friedrich





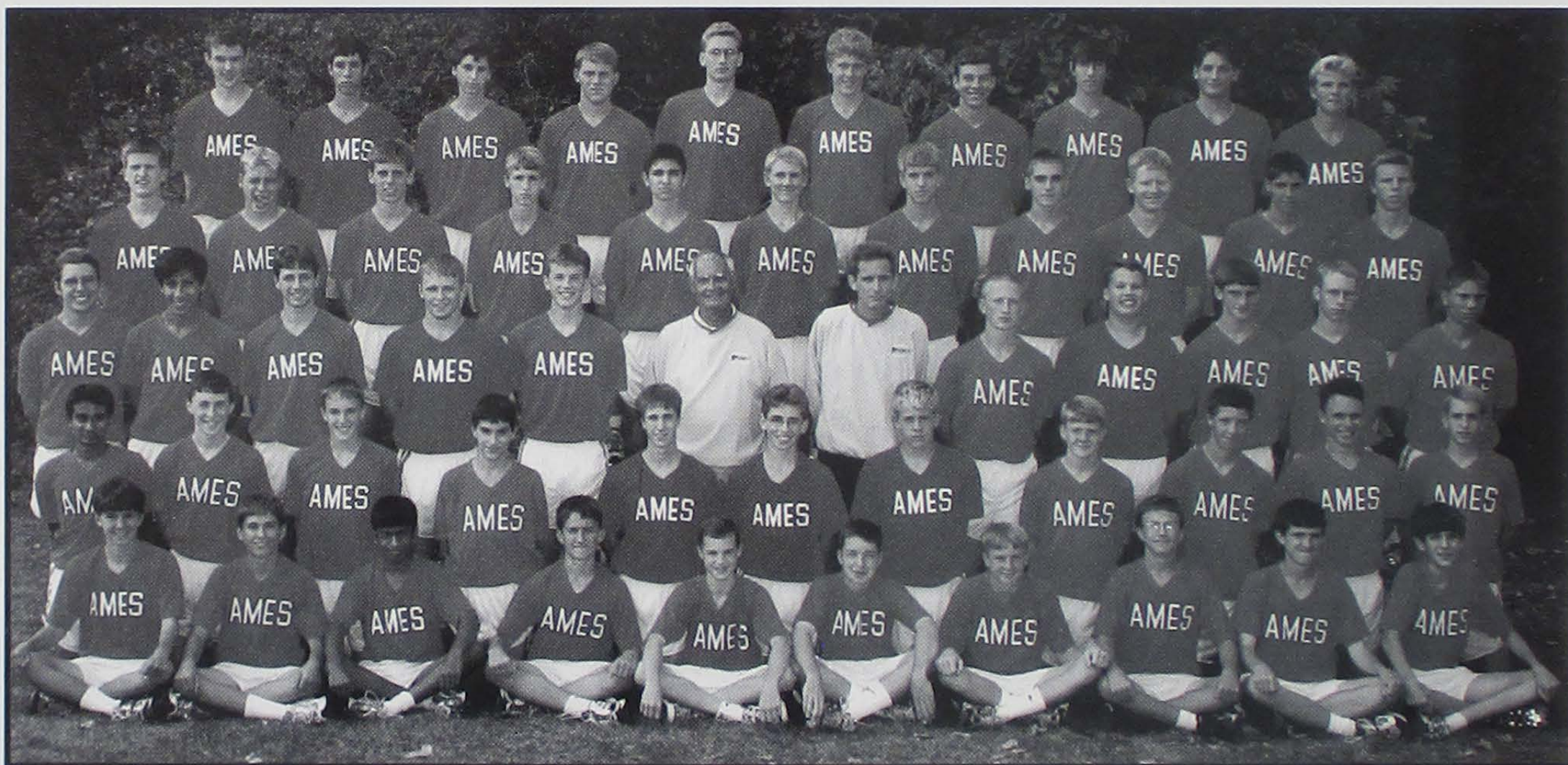
# CROSS COUNTRY



## GIRLS'

### Members of the 1998-1999 girls' cross country team are:

Nicole Amecke, Julie Avey, Sarah Bappe, Sarah Beisser, Melissa Belz, Susanna Bern, Michelle Birt, Carianne Buillon, Lindsay Burhenn, Danielle Cain, Jennifer Carpenter, Elizabeth Cavanaugh, Andrea Coleman, Mandi Crawford, Heidi Dobberke, Sally Dobberke, Hannah Dobbs, Katie Doyle, Emily Duffelmeyer, Jill Dyszynski, Megan Eernisse, Jessica Elliot, Jessica Ensley, Cassandra Erickson, Annie Fanous, Megan Flaws, Shannon Floyd, Tricia Fogarty, Motodo Fukuyama, Kathryn Gerbracht, Claire Gilchrist, Laura Goodwin, Meegan Hand, Jill Hardy, Nassrene Hashemi, Lindsay Heilingenthal, Katie Horton, Theresa Horton, Kelly Houge, Joni Hunziker, Erin Johnson, Emily Johnston, Sarah Kitchell, Kari Laferriere, Jill Larson, Amber Ling, Jill Lippard, Kylan Loney, Sarah Long, Heather Lowman, Staci Lowman, Jennifer Lowry, Juanita Lutz, Erica Lynn, Megan Maher, Valerie Matters, Michelle Maxwell, Erin Maysent, Stacey McConnell, Lauren Morz, Meredith Mull, Katie Naeve, Emily Nau, Hang Nguyen, Jennifer Norris, Anna North, Laura Obrycki, Erin Peiffer, Anila Persaud, Carlie Petersen, Monica Petersen, Andrea Peterson, Beth Peterson, Brea Peterson, Emily Peterson, Jessica Pfeiffer, A. Platt, Lindsay Pohlman, Christine Poist, Megan Popelka, Kiley Rebarcak, Nealy Rebarcak, Brennan Reedy, Julie Reger, Meghan Ritts, Cherise Rollins, Mary Russell, Angie Salvo, Amy Sargent, Andrea Sauvage, Katie Schmaltz, Stephanie Schmaltz, Angela Schroeder, Amie Shao, Julia Slocum, Lisa Smart, Rachel Smelser, Eugena Song, Brooke Sorenson, Terri Stalheim, Andrea Steele, Patricia Steffes, Carly Swanson, Megan Sweeney, Shelly Vance, Lindsay VanFleet, Julie VanSlyke, Susan Vleck, Jaime Voss, Kira Wade, Erin Walker, Kristina Wass, Megan Whited, Catherine Wilson



## BOYS'

### Members of the boys' cross country 1998-1999 team are:

Mert Akinc, Steve Bauer, Kyle Berg, Daniel Bretz, Daniel Bryant, Brian Cheney, Phil Christianson, Jess Clyde, Derek Colvin, Jonah Cunnally, Mike Dau, Daniel Fernandez-Baca, Patrick Finn, Nitin Gadia, Michael Gano, Ben Gaul, Bryan Gerbracht, Philip Gillott, Steve Goldman, Ben Grotewald, Luke Guthrie, Justus Hallam, Luke Healy, Tim Hibbing, Eric Houge, Adlai Hurt, Ben Janke, Jeff Kinley, Matthew Knop, Pete Kruger, Andy Laczniak, Frances Lloveras, Iago Lloveras, Nels Matson, Aaron McElherne, Ross Miller, Joel Minion, Rudi Mukerjea, Lincoln Nichols, Tim Noxon, Alec Otteman, Kyle Poorman, Nic Roberts, Ben Sage, Jon Sargent, Kyle Schilling, Mitch Shaw, Cameron Staff, Matt Stewart, Ben Stover, Philip Vega, Eric Weber, Alex White **Coaches:** John Sletton and Todd Vollstedt





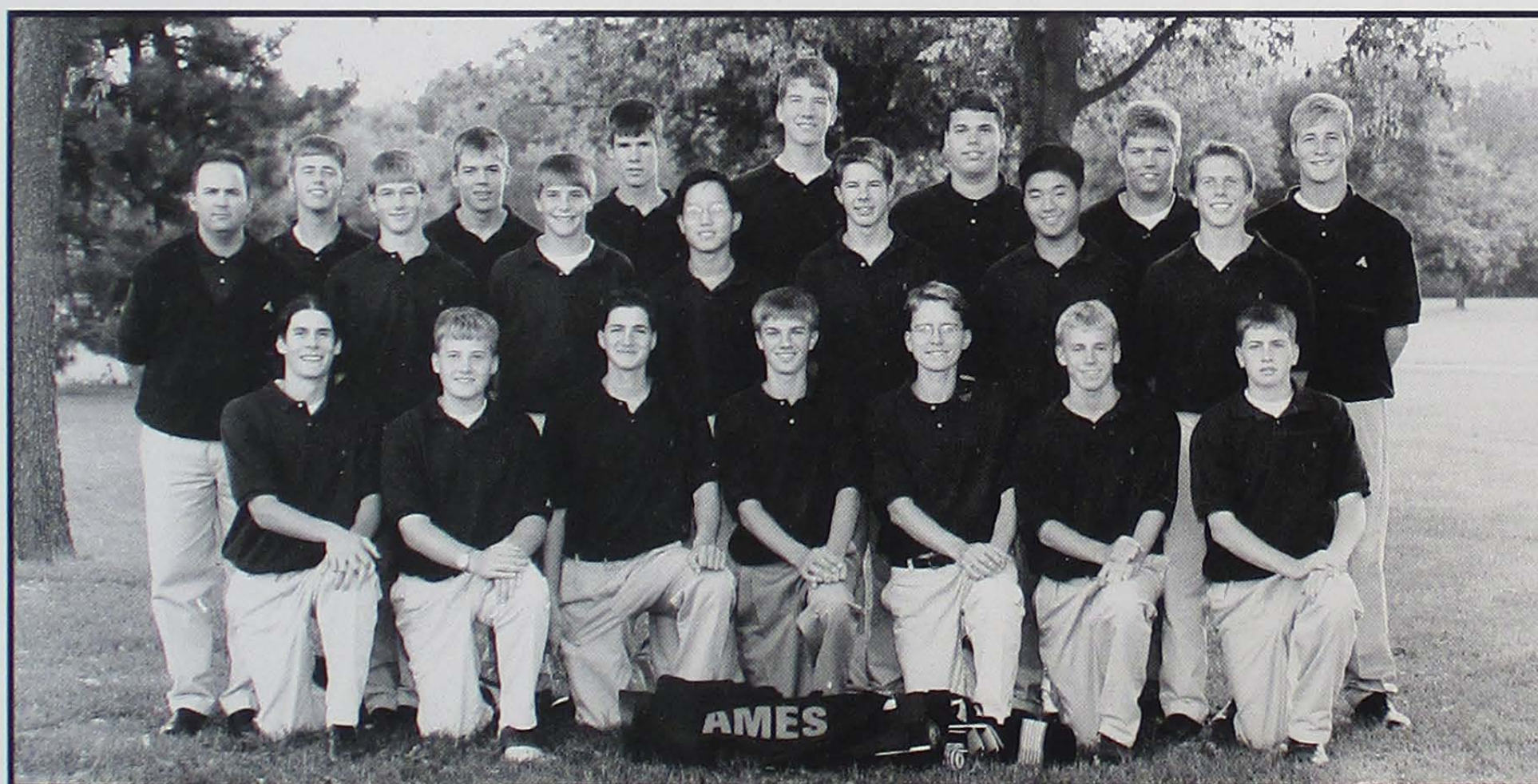
# GIRLS' SWIMMING



**Row 1:** Shara Chapman, Dan Flannery, Debby Hardy, Nancy Svien **Row 2:** Naomi Slutzki, Ann Lewis, Andi Thatcher, Mandy Noll, Lydia VanHorn, Mandi Hardy, Elaine Wells-Gray, Christine Van Meter, Megan Sweeney, Erin Nadler **Row 3:** Kendall Payne, Kira Shonkwiler, Tanya Randall, Cathy Anderson, Clarissa Spicer, Laura Wilson **Row 4:** Erin McCuskey, Anna Duple, Janice Gustaffson, Lindsay Kiliper **Row 5:** Kayla Peterson, Abby VanMarren, Katherine Acker, Taylor Anderson, Kayla Anderson, Ashley Peterson **Row 6:** McKinsie Clyde, Chrystal Cline, Kay Stroben, Gretchen Matson, Brynna Dieter, Caitlin Clark **Row 7:** Christine Dickson, Jamie Seifert, Kendra Malone, Katie Kearney, Stephanie Hallberg, Susanna Goldman, Sarah McDuff **Row 8:** Amanda Hopper, Jill Hamilton, Erin Gallagher, Anais Van der Valk, Sarah White, Erin Belcher, Elizabeth Talbert, Roya Magshoodi, Diane Volko, Christi Baumeister



# BOYS' GOLF



**Row 1:** Ben Wendel, Justin Donnell, Alex Gubbins, Brandon Crase, Sam Miller, Peter Ringlee, Mitchell Ridnour **Row 2:** Coach Shahidi, Jason Garwood, Nick Inglett, John Kim, Ryan Ward, Daniel Jeong, Kirk Youngberg **Row 3:** dfghfdn Jordan, Jim Kain, Chip Wandling, Matt Zimmerman, Jeremy Berg, Aaron Wheelock **Not Pictured:** Adam Shaul



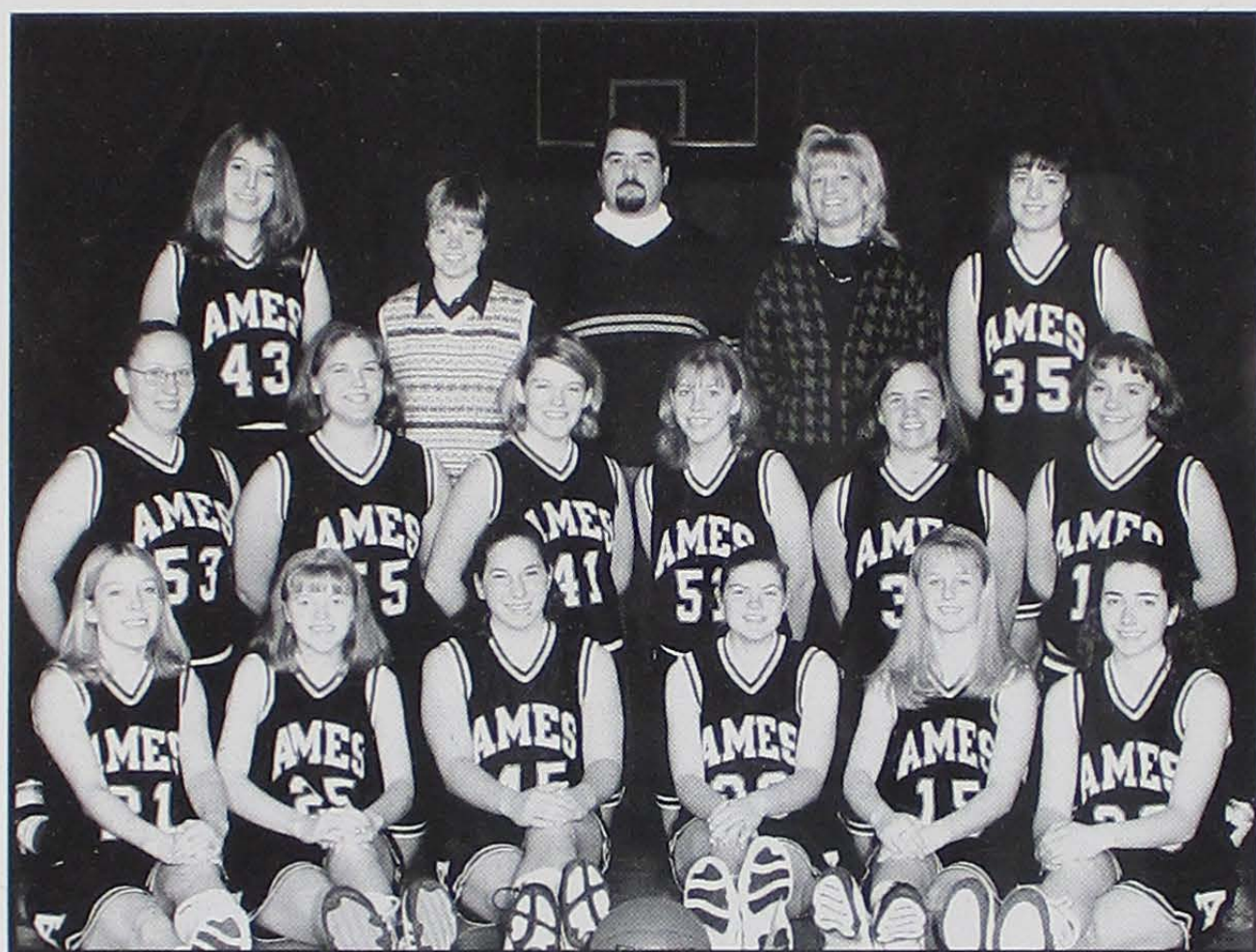


# GIRLS' BASKETBALL



## FRESHMEN A & B

**Row 1:** Kayla Jensen, Annor Woodin, Jessica Pfeiffer, Stacey Arkovich, Laura McElherne, Katie Schmaltz **Row 2:** Amy Logston, Dorota Pruski, Val Maters, Laura Stasko, Kiley Rebarcek, Bridget Segedi, Laura Miller **Row 3:** Rachel Jones, Katie Gerbracht, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Sarah Smart, Abby Sutherland



## SOPHOMORE

**Row 1:** Allyson Ward, Meredith Mull, Elisa Arkovich, Lindsay Erickson, Briana Staff, Kelley Kunz **Row 2:** McKinsie Clyde, Anne Legg, Amanda Burke, Erin Johnson, Stephanie Carroll, Stephanie Inglett **Row 3:** Katie Killorn, Shelby Junkman, Coach Stevens, Coach Brooks, Laura Wilson

## VARSITY

**Row 1:** Kylan Loney, Jill Lippard, Hannah Dobbs, Devon McClurken, Sarah Bappe, Beth Peterson, Jamie Soma **Row 2:** Jessica Ensley, Megan Sweeney, Molly McNertney, Jessica Lawson, Stephanie Schmaltz, Amy Bappe, Emily Peterson **Row 3:** Jeanie Pedersen, Megan Morrow, Coach Jurgensen, Coach Vertenan, Coach Sullivan, Trainer Brenda, Lori Bennet, Raquel Hansell





# BOYS' BASKETBALL

## FRESHMEN

**Row 1:** Coach Bappe, John Russell, Kyle Vance, Ryan Ward, Dan Habhab, John Tillo, Kyle Rippey, Curt Myers **Row 2:** Elijah Abel, Michael Glaser, Josh Dunlap, Derrick Rollins, Steve Wise, Zach Booth **Row 3:** Coach Mike, Lane Jahn, Sam Ruppert, Chris Warren, Tim Stoops, Jon Warren, Grant Mohlke, Casey Winkleblack, Coach Kain



## SOPHOMORE

**Row 1:** Brian Clark, Joe Wanzek, Graham VanHorn, Micah Juelfs, Justin Abbott **Row 2:** Nick Inglett, Matt Murphy, Brandon Cornelius, Jamie Smith **Row 3:** Coach Downs, Ben Cronin, Aaron Rosheim, Dan Sherman, Jim Kain, Jamie Colbert, Coach Goodwin, Coach Schweigert

## VARSITY

**Row 1:** Stephen Bauer, Ben Vilmain, Mike Doran, Trey Burge, Mark VanderZyl, Coach Esslinger **Row 2:** Kyle Schilling, Garret Burrier, Daniel Burrow, Brandon Bogue, Coach Adam **Row 3:** Coach Cullinan, Blake Shephard, Brad Lawler, Mike Miller, Jacek Pruski, Andy Kohler







# BOYS' SWIMMING

**Row 1:** Abbey VanMarren, Eric Carter, Ben Novak, David Hugdahl, Collin Wheeler, Dipayan Mitra, Kevin Aldridge, Tommy Baker, Steve Diesburg, Jacob Anderegg **Row 2:** Coach Fisher, E. Limmons, Jonah Cunnally, Nathan Ackerson, Ian Chidister, Michael Ciccotti, Ryan Cummings, John Koehler, Adam Diesburg, Coach Flannery **Row 3:** Alec Ottoman, Adam Webb, Adam Shaul, Luke Healy, David Miller, Alex White, Matt McDuff, Josh Welter, Eric Hauber, Mandi Hardy **Row 4:** Shara Chapman, Tyler Cardwell, Kirk Youngberg, Jonathon Saxton, Nicholas Welter, Lelsie Schweikert, T. Barich, Mike Kienzler, Tristan Brown, Joseph Herriges



# WRESTLING

**Row 1:** Mike Young, Luke Steinhoff, Dan Bretz, John Tucker, Adrian Dedecker, Erick Helling **Row 2:** Pat Cole, Andy Sage, Nels Matson, Coach Ascherl, Mike Heitsman, Brandon Winkey, Tom Sellers, John Meuhe **Row 3:** Brandon Pei, k Matt Kinker, Jeff Kinely, Heidi, Coach Tompson, Coach Hellencamp, Jay Vogel, T.R. Dilla **Row 4:** Brian Grove, David Ling, Adam Carlson, David Crockett, B.J. Crocket, Ryan Cline, Mark Bokhoven, Brian Owens, Joel Sage





# TRACK AND FIELD



## GIRLS'

**Row 1:** Monica Petersen, Jessica Pfeiffer, Juanita Lutz, Susan Vleck, Katie Schmaltz, Amie Shao, Annie Fanous, A Platt, Sylvia Fanous, Nassrene Hashemi-Toroghi, Megan Whited, Hang Nguyen, Meegan Hnad, Heidi Dobberke, Erin Walker **Row 2:** Carrienne Bouillon, Nealy Rebarcak, Katie Horton, Amy Sargent, Danielle Cain, Jaime Voss, Julie VanSlyke, Laura Obrycki, Angela Schroeder, Jill Lippard, Staci Lowman, Nicole Amecke, Rachel SMeiser, Theresa Horton, Andrea Savage, Kiley Rebarcak **Row 3:** Hannah Dobbs, Heather Lowman, Michelle Birt, Jennifer Lowry, Brooke Sornsen, Lauren Morz, Coach Torson, Head Coach Schmaltz, Coach Sullivan, Julie Reger, Sarah Kitchell, Emily Duffelmeyer, Anila Persaud, Jenny Carpenter, Katie Doyle **Row 4:** Kristi Wass, Valerie Matters, Catherine Wilson, Mandi Crawford, Sarah Beisser, Michelle Maxwell, Amber Ling, Jill Larson, Angie Slavo, Erin Maysent, Shannon Floyd, Meredith Mull, Katie Gerbacht, Sarah Long, Brea Peterson, Tricia Fogarty **Row 5:** Motodo Fokuyama, Laura Goodwin, Kelly Houge, Anna North, Megan Rltts, Kira Wade, Kylan Loney, Katie Naeve, Erica Lynn, Erin Johnson, Emily Johnston, Andrea Coleman, Kari Laferrier, Shelly Vance, Jenny Norris **Row 6:** Beth Peterson, Terri Stalheim, Cassie Erickson, Stephnie Schmaltz, Erin Peiffer, Mary Russell, Claire Gilchrit, Lindsay Heiligenthal, Jill Hardy, Lindsay VanFleet, Carly Swanson, Megan Sweeney, Christine Poist, Stacey McConnell, Andrea Peterson, Carrie Petersen **Row 7:** Jessica Elliot, Megan Maher, Megan Flaws, Lindsay Burhenn, Emily Peterson, Jessica Ensley, Cherise Rollins, Emily Nau, Trainer Karen, Megan Eernisse, Lindsay Pohlman, Julia Slocum, Julie Avey, Joni Hunziker, Elizabeth Cavanaugh, Melissa Belz, Andrea Steele, Jill Dyszynski **Not Pictured:** Susie Bern, Sally Dobberke, Megan Popelka, Brennan Reedy, Lisa Smart, Eugena Song, Patricia Steffes



## BOYS'

### Members of the 1998-1999 Boys' Track team are:

Babatunde Agbaje, Razak Al-Hassan, John Bessman, Brandon Bogue, Chris Bolin, Casey Brown, Christopher Brown, Andy Buck, Dan Burrow, Marshall Card, Sean Carlton, Eric Carter, Brian Cheney, Michael Ciccotti, Brian Clark, Jason Clark, Tyler Clarke, Jess Clyde, Ben Cronin, Jonah Cunnally, Jason Danielson, Christopher Davis, Fabian DeKok, Troy Devens, Erik Distler, Alex Domoto, Elliott Dowling, Joseph Dunlay, Ben Erbes, Parsa Fattahi, Daniel Fernandez-Baca, Mike Frieberg, Michael Gano, Nathaniel Ginder, Aaron Greving, Ben Grotewold, Luke Guthrie, Justus Hallam, Austin Hansell, Jeff Happe, Dan Hatt, Tyler Heihoff, Tim Hibbing, Matt Hinders, John Holscher, Jay Honeyman, Nathan Hostetter, Eric Houge, David Hugdahl, Joseph Hugdahl, Michael Huisenga, Adlai Hurt, Lane Jahn, Erik Johnson, Dan Jones, Chris Jutting, Matt Kinker, John Koehler, Andy Koehler, Andy Kohler, Pete Kruger, Adam Larson, David Larson, Nick Larson, Thomas Lescalet, Ryan Loes, Nathaniel Logsdon, Bobby Lyon, Jasper MacDonald, Julius Marina, Aaron McElherne, David Melby, David Miller, Michael Miller, Ross Miller, Joel Minion, Rudi Mukerjea, Robert Neumann, Timothy Noxon, Mike O'Connell, Alec Otteman, Matthew Parker, Christopher Parrish, Ryan Paul, Greg Payne, Allan Penner, Toby Peters, Rolf Place, Nicholas Redmond, Michael Reger, Peter Ringlee, Kyle Rippey, Adam Roark, Nick Roberts, Derrick Rollins, Jeff Russell, Andrew Sage, Jon Sargent, Kyle Schilling, Eric Schmidt, Mitch Shaw, Cameron Staff, Nate Staniforth, Adam Stegge, Matthew Stewart, Chris Strum, Christopher Terry, Abraham Tim, Ryan Utesch, Philip Vega, Ben Vilmain, Josh Wagner, Kejing Wang, Eric Weber, Aaron Weiss, Alex White, Casey Winkleblack, Scott Youngerman







### GIRLS'

**Row 1:** Karina Jensen, Emily Trevillyan, Lisa Corley, Amy Chung, Dara Poorman, Sara Pfeiffer, Shilpa Reddy, Amanda Yeung, Diana Parlade, Valeri Maughan, Sarah Beisser, **Row 2:** Stacey Chung, Laura Carlyle, Pam Le, Amy Bappe, Katie Kearney, Elizabeth Beavers, Coach Thiede, Jill Larson, Sarah Osmundson, Molly McNertney, Megan Sweeney, Melinda Brandt

# TENNIS



### BOYS'

**Row 1:** Erik Guffy, Daniel Jeong, Paul Myers, Chris Lueth, Houdy Khosravi **Row 2:** Evan Herrnstadt, Eknath Vittal, Peter Acker, Roni Mukerjee, Phil Christianson, Kiwhoon Lee, Brandon Crase **Row 3:** Aaron Myers, Michael Nassiff, BJ Carey, Kyle Poorman, Patrick Flnn, Brigham VanAuken, Mike Shrum, Josh Faas, Nathan Long, Aki Nkagawa, Coach Tam **Not Pictured:** Dipayan Mitra, Wayne Shyy



# GIRLS' GOLF

**Row 1:** Bridget Rhodes, Amy Swanson **Row 2:** Betsy Ziebenbusch, Emily Nau, Coach Heiberger, Katy Crawford, Missy Ridnour, Terri Stalheim, Mara Wendell, Betsy Huisenga **Row 3:** Amanda Burke, Stephanie Carroll, Leah Theesfield, Mary Jiske, Alison Buck, Megan Eernisse







# SOCCER



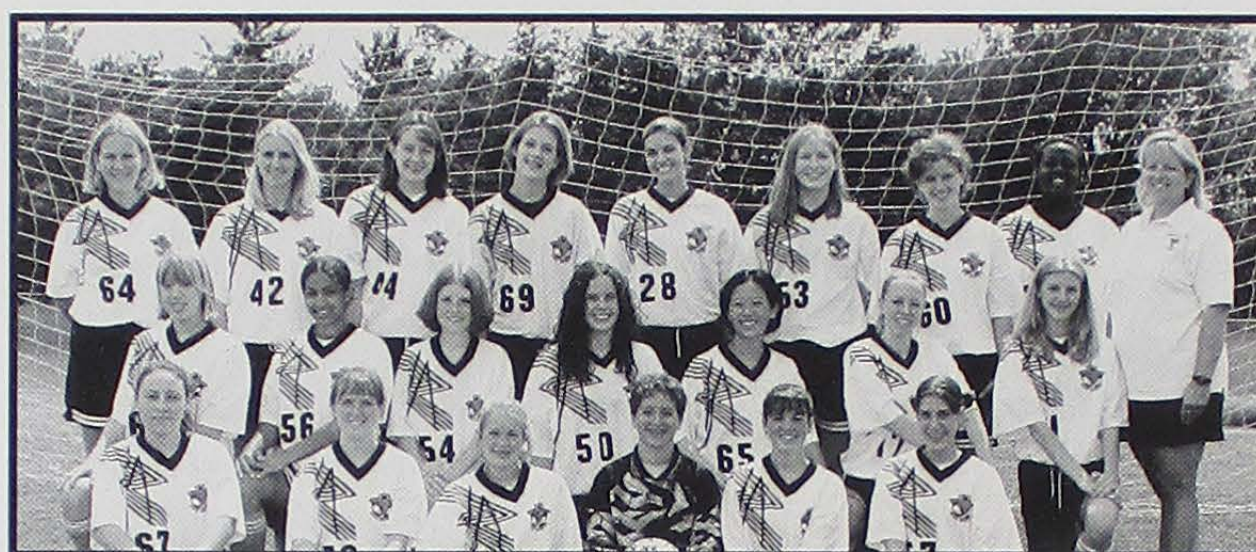
## GIRLS' JUNIOR VARSITY A

**Row 1:** Sylvia Fanous, Annie Fanous, Oun Platt, Abby Brannan, A Platt, Alyssa Sally  
**Row 2:** Erika Takle, Jessica Pfeiffer, Rachelle Ruggle, Crystle Cline, Rachel Marek, Nassrene Hashemi, Kayla Jensen, Coach O'Dear  
**Row 3:** Melissa Laferriere, Meredith Mull, Kari Laferriere, Jessica Ensley, Michelle Maxwell, Kristina Wass, Rachel Jones, Sarah Smart



## GIRLS' VARSITY

**Row 1:** Katie Doyle, Danielle Cain, Lauren Morz, Jessica Pfeiffer, Adrianna Grant  
**Row 2:** Coach O'Dear, Erin Pfeiffer, Hannah Dobbs, Anila Persaud, Jessica Bents, Brianna Staff, Brandee Graham, Sarah Kitchell, Julia McGinley, Coach Graham  
**Row 3:** Sarah Smart, Emily Peterson, Melissa Belz, Shelly Vance, Lisa Smart, Stephanie Inglett, Christine Poist, Jill Lippard, Melissa Laferriere



## GIRLS' JUNIOR VARSITY B

**Row 1:** Bridget Segedi, Kelly Packer, Amanda Hyde, Chelsea Fitch, Katie Brannan, Theresa Horton  
**Row 2:** Jennifer Yates, Hope Okere, Erin Walker, Meegan Hand, L. Lin Ong, Monica Petersen, Brea Peterson  
**Row 3:** Tanya Randall, Leslie Westgate, Jessica Kinyon, Erica Lynn, Courtney Jones, Jill Hardy, Nicole Amecke, Ayisha Al-Hassan, Coach Laferriere



## BOYS' VARSITY

**Row 1:** Tamim Mayhani, Matt Mowers, Marcus Mitchell, Ryan Gleason, Mark Poist, Chase Winkey, Seth Redmond  
**Row 2:** Jason Huls, Ben Wendell, Greg Elliott, Larry Kaufmann, Justin Knapp, Basil Mayhani  
**Row 3:** Jamie Kearney, Ben Janke, Adam Crumpton, John O'Connell, Jon Mowers, Kevin Wilson  
**Row 4:** Steve Hoenick, Steve Goldman, Bobby Myers, Dylan Martinez, Jon Hoyt, Curt McGeeney, Mike Heitzman, Joe Wanzek, Joey Hayes, Juan Navas  
**Row 5:** Nicole Olson, Sandro Basinini, College Trainer, Coach Zmolek, Ankur Amin, College Trainer



# CHEERLEADING

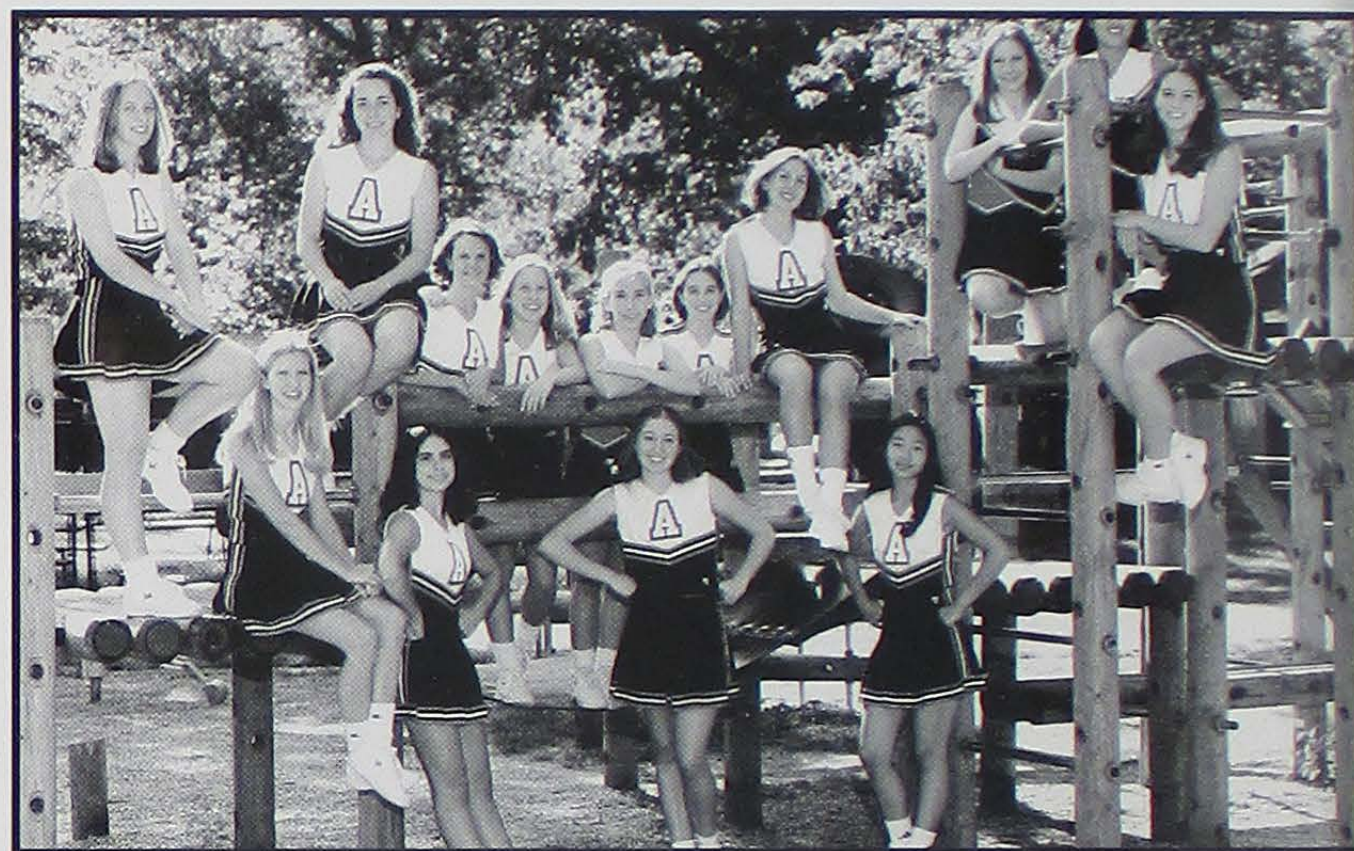


## FRESHMEN

Mandy Hyde, Latrice Sawyer, Melissa Mikes, Courtney Parker, Ashley Jennings, Kate McHugh, Bridget Segedi, Lisle Hinderks, Cassandra Akers, Mindy Sargent, Mary Ellet, Haley Pick, Sara Simons, Ashley Jones.

## SOPHOMORE

**Row 1:** Anna Burgduff, Caitlin Braun, Stephanie Girton, Julie Song **Row 2:** Megan Berning, Kelly Kunz, Amy Swanson, Ann Benson, Julie Thomas, Julie Prindle, Megan Curtis, Becky Heller, Amy Pavlik, Emily Polich



## VARSITY

**Row 1:** Julie Hinrichsen **Row 2:** Laura Woline, Julie Coy, Jennifer Veale, Oun Platt, Nicole Olson, Julie McFarland, Lane Pyle, Sarah Rathert **Row 3:** Ashley Van Auken, Brandy Williams, Danielle Spencer, Beth Maroney, Lindsey Wright, Becky Thomas, Chris Benson





## VARSITY WRESTLING

**Row 1:** Nicole Olson, Beth Miiskimins, Brenna Dougan **Row 2:** Sarah Rathert, Lindsey Wright **Row 3:** Sarah Nutter

## VARSITY WINTER

**Row 1:** Kristin Larson, Oun Platt, Jennifer Veale, Ashley Van Auken **Row 2:** Laura Woline, Allyson Holm, Lane Pyle, Anna North, Sarah Tapper **Row 3:** Brekk Feeley, Brandy Williams, Kathryn Lamont, Jill Hardy, Kathryn Acker, Amber Roberts



# DRILL TEAM



**Row 1:** Kate Downing, Amy Hronek, Alyssa Sally, Melinda Brandt **Row 2:** Sarah Pfeiffer, Brooke Sornsen, Amy Colony, Hope Okere, Jill Nelsen **Row 3:** Betsy Ziegenbusch, Latrice Sawyer, Caitlin Braun, Anat Shinar, Beth Palumbo, Kelly Bartsch

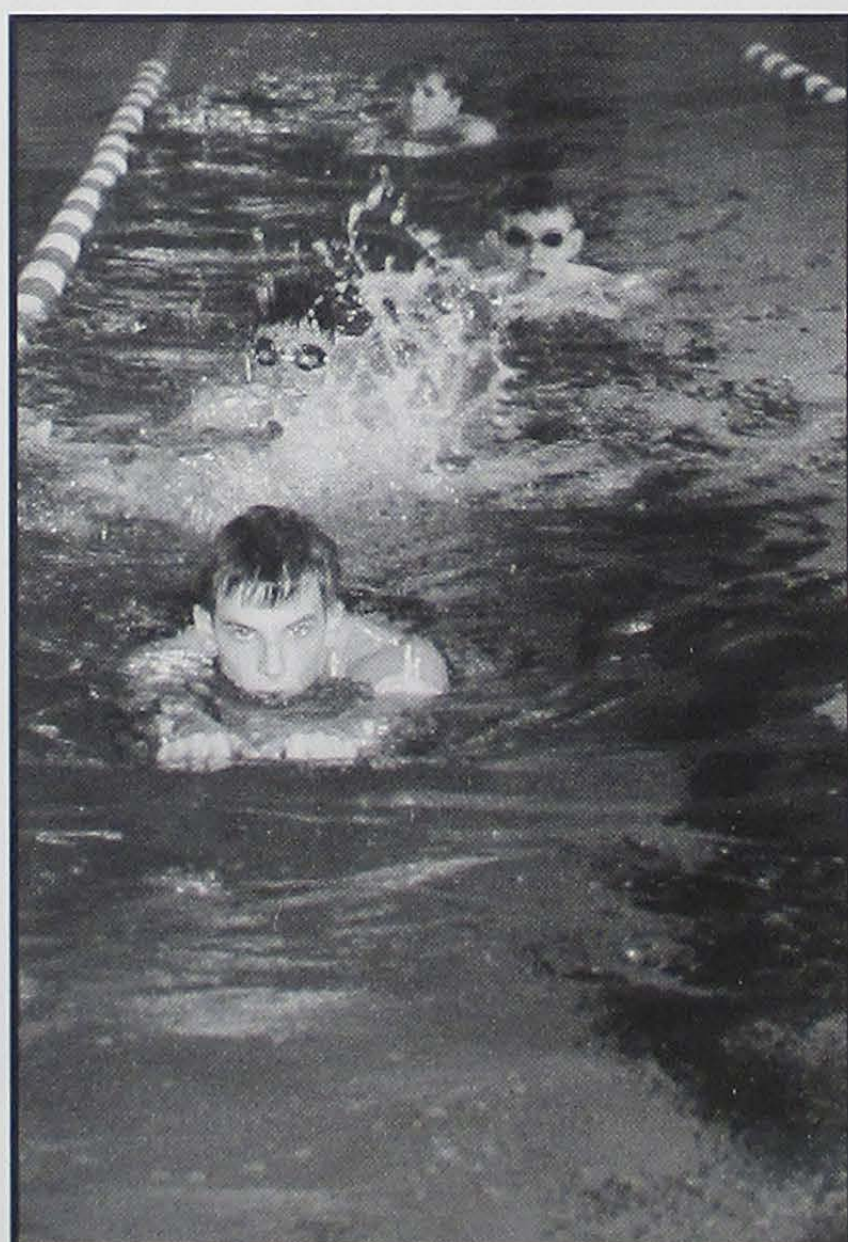


# ATHLETES ARE CAUGHT OFF-GUARD



Varsity cheerleaders pump up the crowd during a timeout. (photo by Stacey Chung)

Juniors **Adam Webb**, **Josh Welter**, **Alec Otteman** and freshman **John Koehler** swim laps and practice their relays for an upcoming meet. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Seniors **Patricia Steffes**, **Jamie Voss**, and **Lisa Smart** run during the junior varsity race at the Iowa State course. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Coach Rob Kain discusses the plays for the second half of the freshmen boys' basketball game. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



Students crowd the stadium after a home game win. (photo by Mandi Hardy)





Junior **Sam Kruger** tackles an opponent from the Fort Dodge Dodgers. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Members of the boys track team try to focus and think through the race ahead. (photo by Brian Tenney)



Juniors **Stephanie Schmaltz**, **Beth Peterson**, and seniors **Megan Sweeney** and **Emily Peterson** cheer on their teammates in a varsity basketball game. (photo by Stacey Chung)

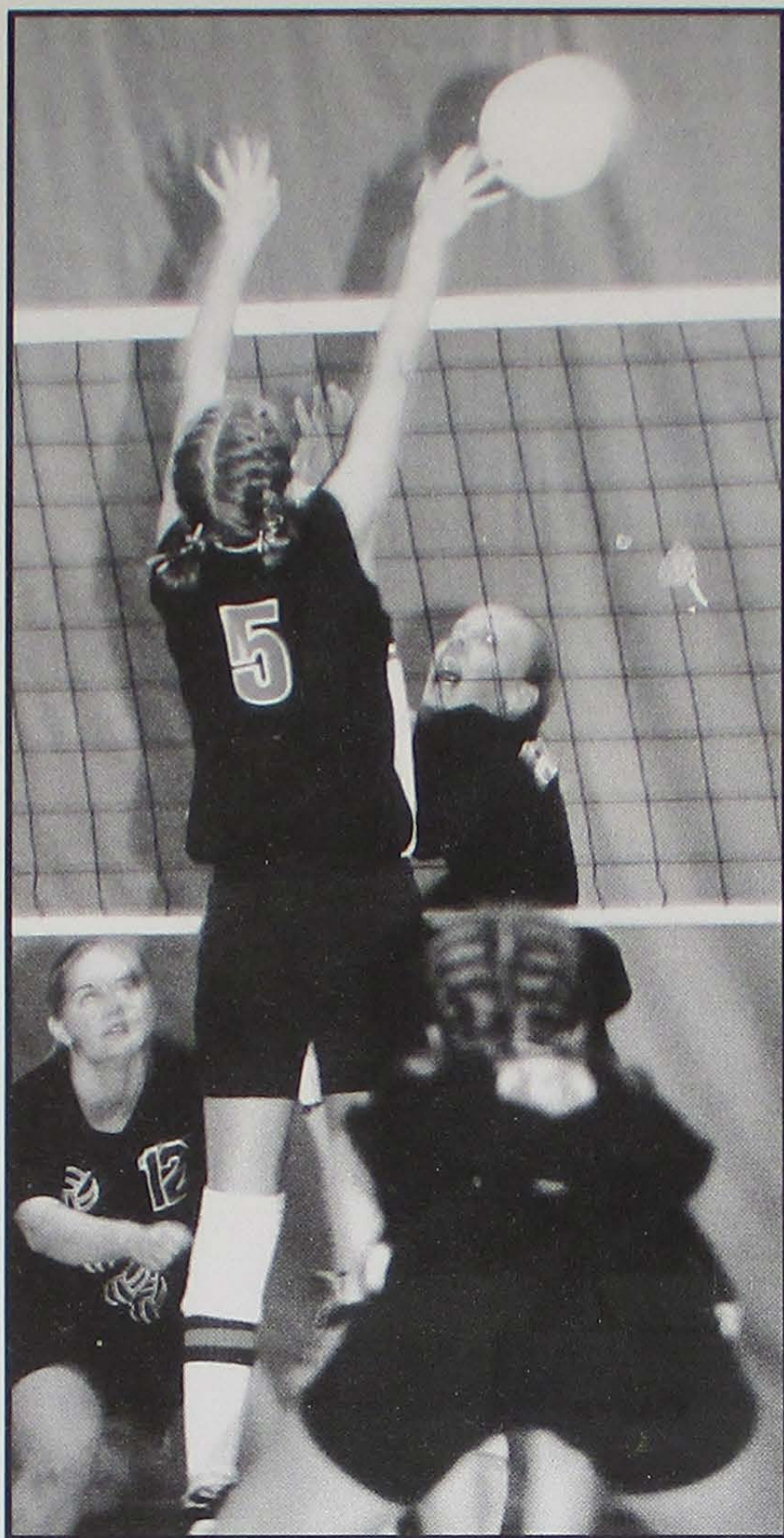


Senior **Aaron Wheelock** plans his next move in the golf meet. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

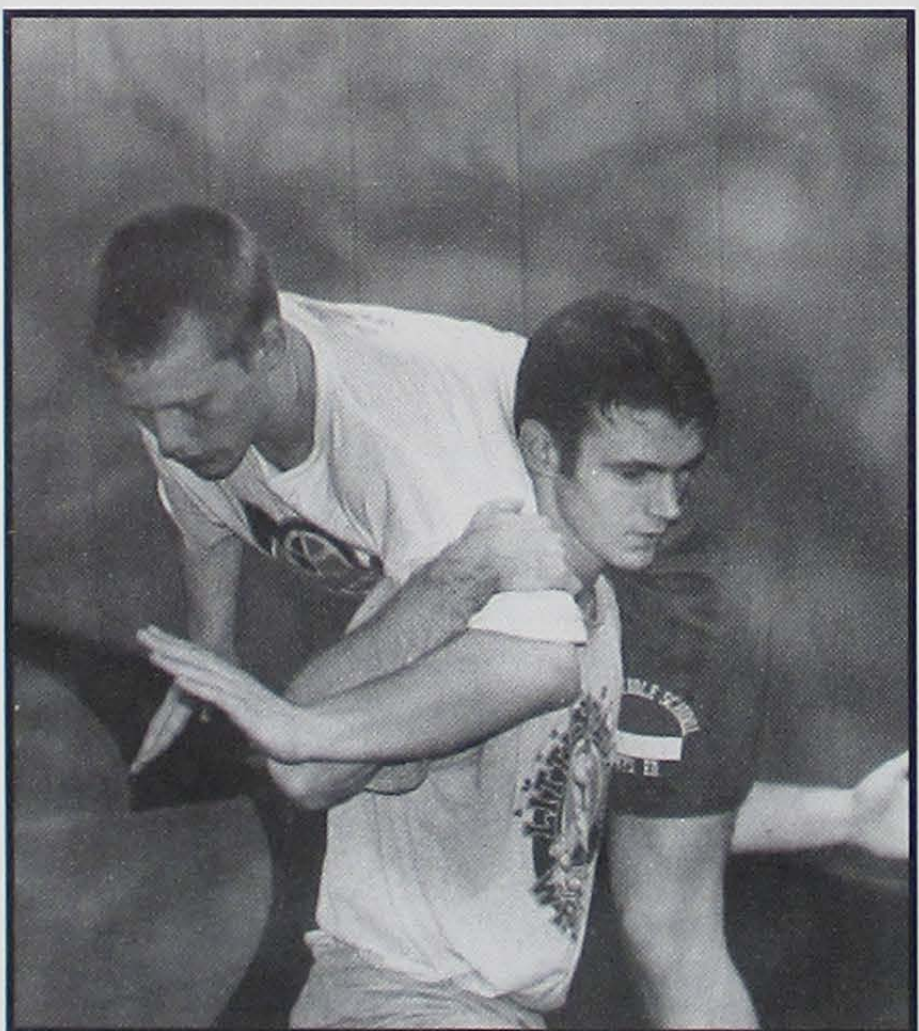


Sophomore basketball team members show good sportsmanship to the opposing team after a game. (photo by Amy Chung)





Senior **Ellen Haws** blocks a spike attempt from an opponent. This was the first year that the volleyball team went to state in the school's history. (photo courtesy of Taylor Chung)



Wrestlers practice their new moves for their next meet. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Seniors **Micheal Doran** and **Brad Lawler** are honored at their last senior home game. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)



No matter the weather student fans of the football team brave it to show their support. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Girls swim team share a joke before a practice. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

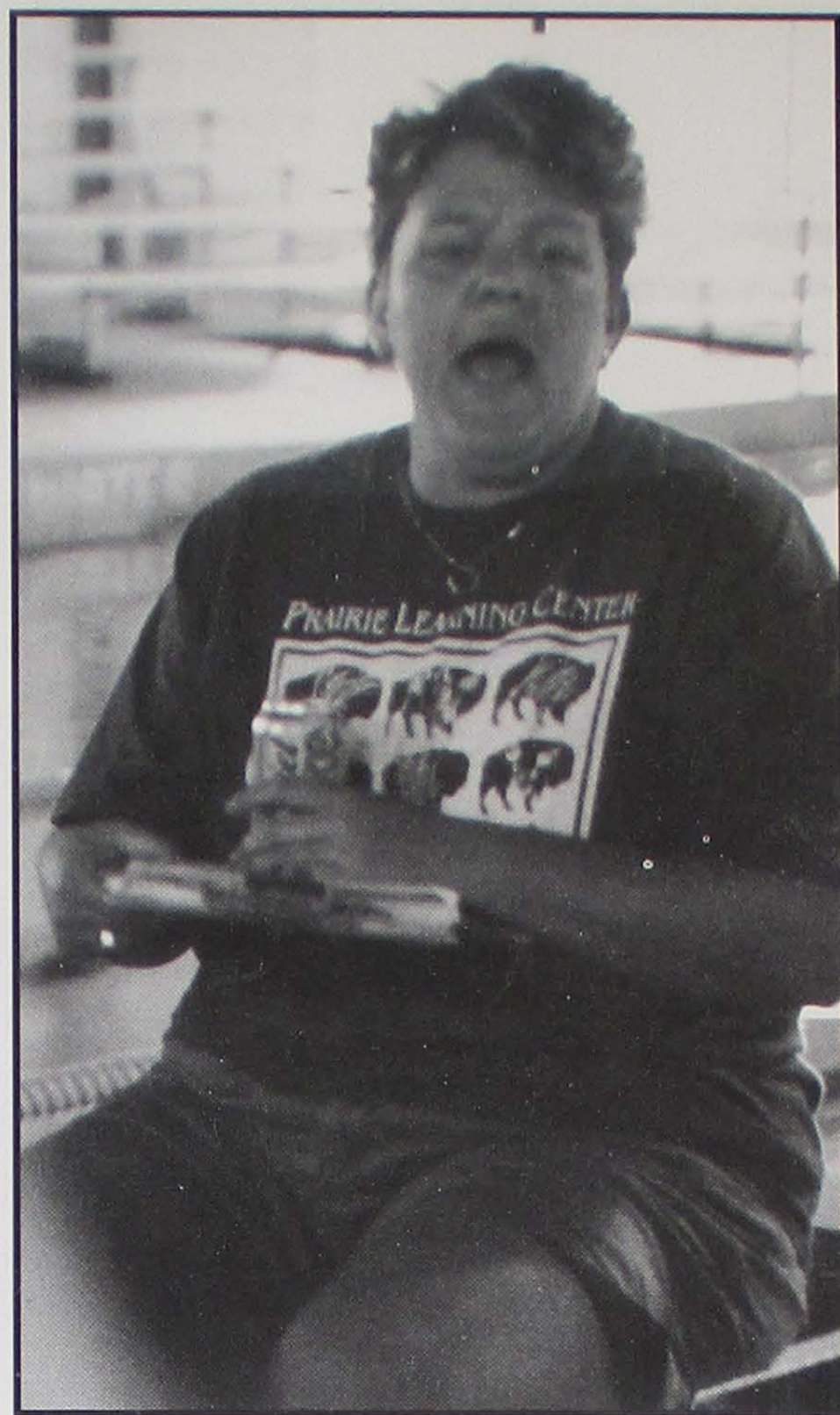




Juniors **Nick Roberts**, **Pete Kruger**, and senior **Kyle Poorman** ride the homecoming cross-country float during the parade. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Sophomore **Bri Staff** looks for the pass during an intense practice. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Girls swimming coach **Nancy Svien** encourages her team the day before a swim meet. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Megan Sweeney** serves while her doubles partner junior **Jill Larson** gets ready for the return. (photo by Amy Chung)



Varsity football members look for the pass during a home game. (photo by Mandi Hardy)





Sophomores **Ann Benson** and **Julie Song** take some time before the Homecoming parade to get beautiful. (photo by Stacey Chung)



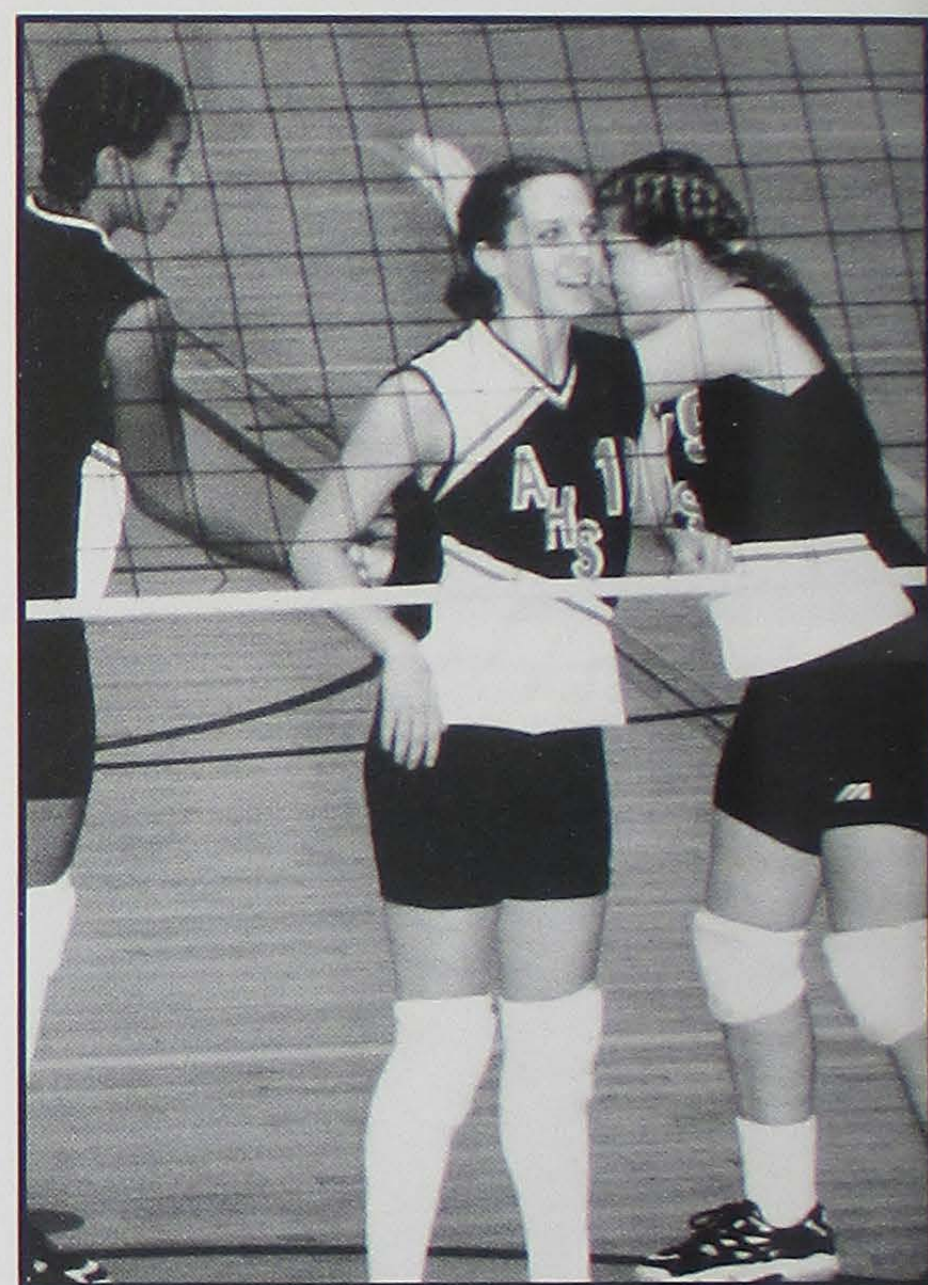
Junior **Alec Ottoman** takes a break from practice and participates in a little water fight in the pool. Many of the swim

team mebers were friends and did things together outside of swimming to build up their team relationships. (photo by Mandi Hardy)

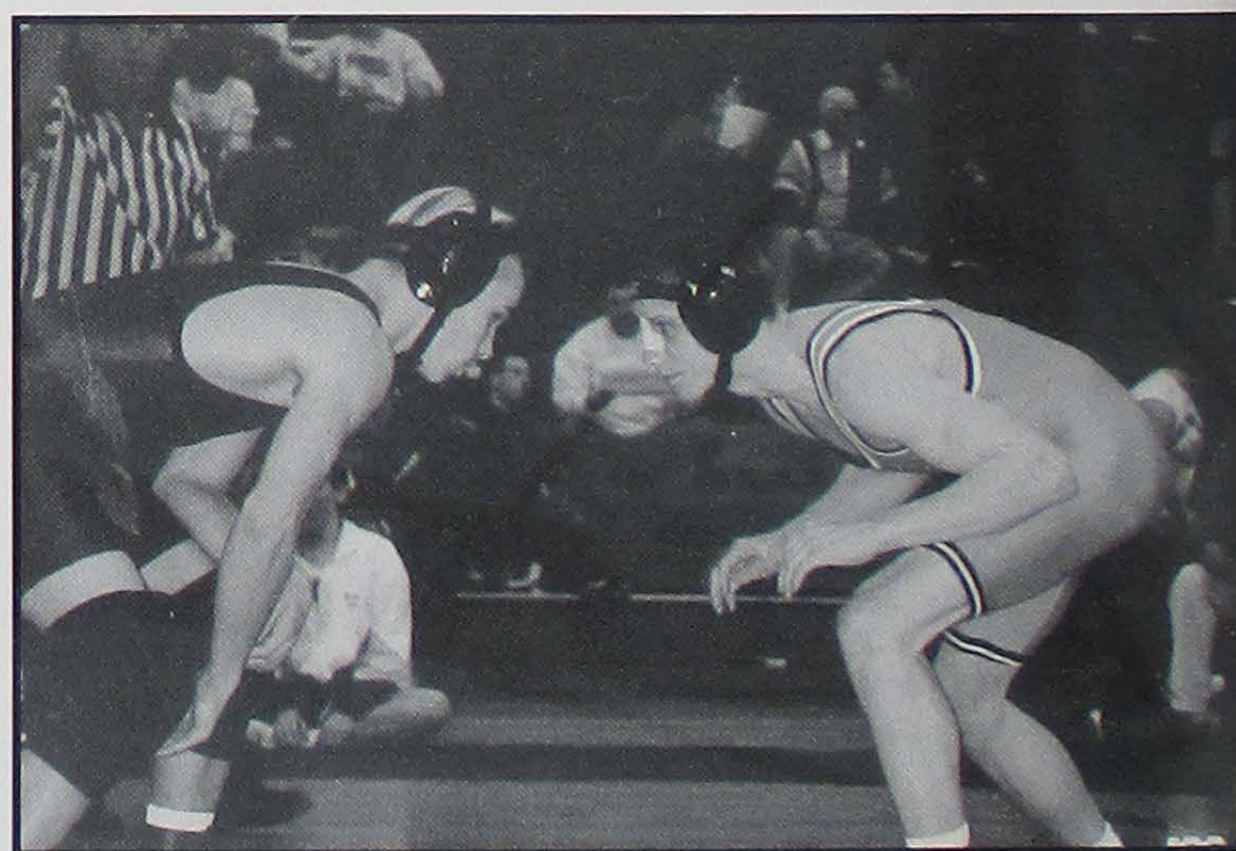


Seniors **Julie VanSlyke** and **Joni Hunizker** stretch out before a track practice. The cool autumn days provided a refreshing atmosphere in which to run. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)

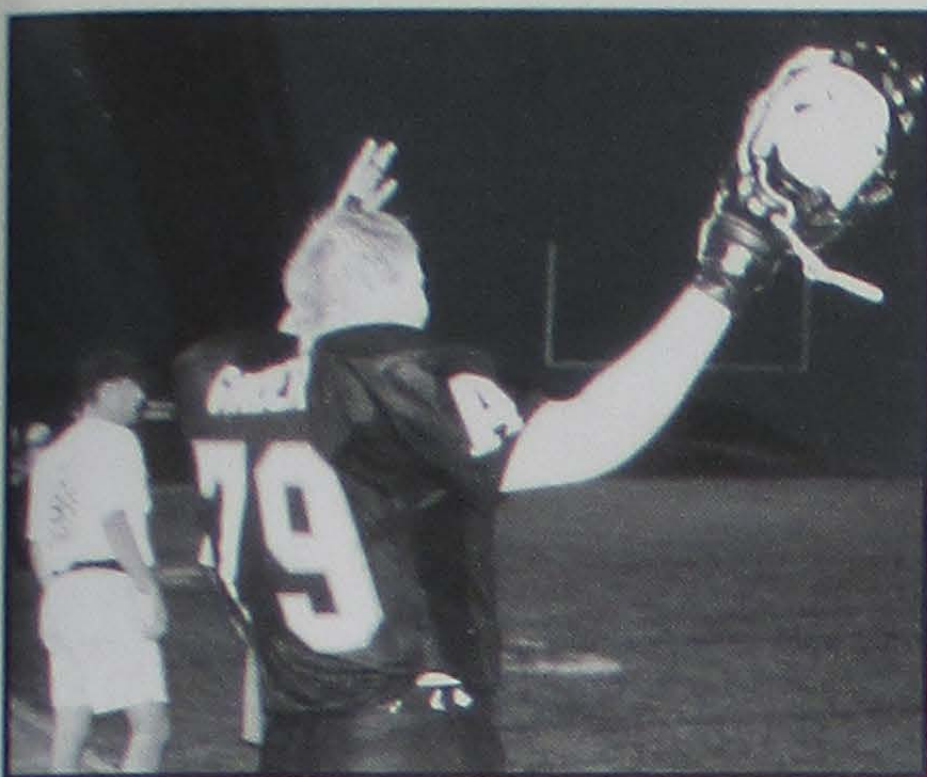
Senior **Sarah Osmundson** gives five to sophomore **Erin Martin** after she hit a ball that was not returned. Senior **Mary Jischke** looks on in anticipation as she waits for the next serve from her teammate. (photo courtesy of Taylor Chung)



Junior **Brandon Winkey** prepares to take down his opponent at one of the meets held in the Ames High gymnasium. Winkey was one of the top wrestlers on the team and was known for his aggressive attitude in the sport. (photo by Stacey Chung)







Senior **Nate Ginder** shows his enthusiasm at a play well run by removing his helmet. The team once again made it to the Dome this year showing off their talent and ability. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Jill Hardy** takes a deep breath after completing a race at a track meet held at Ames High. (photo by Tonja Brooks)

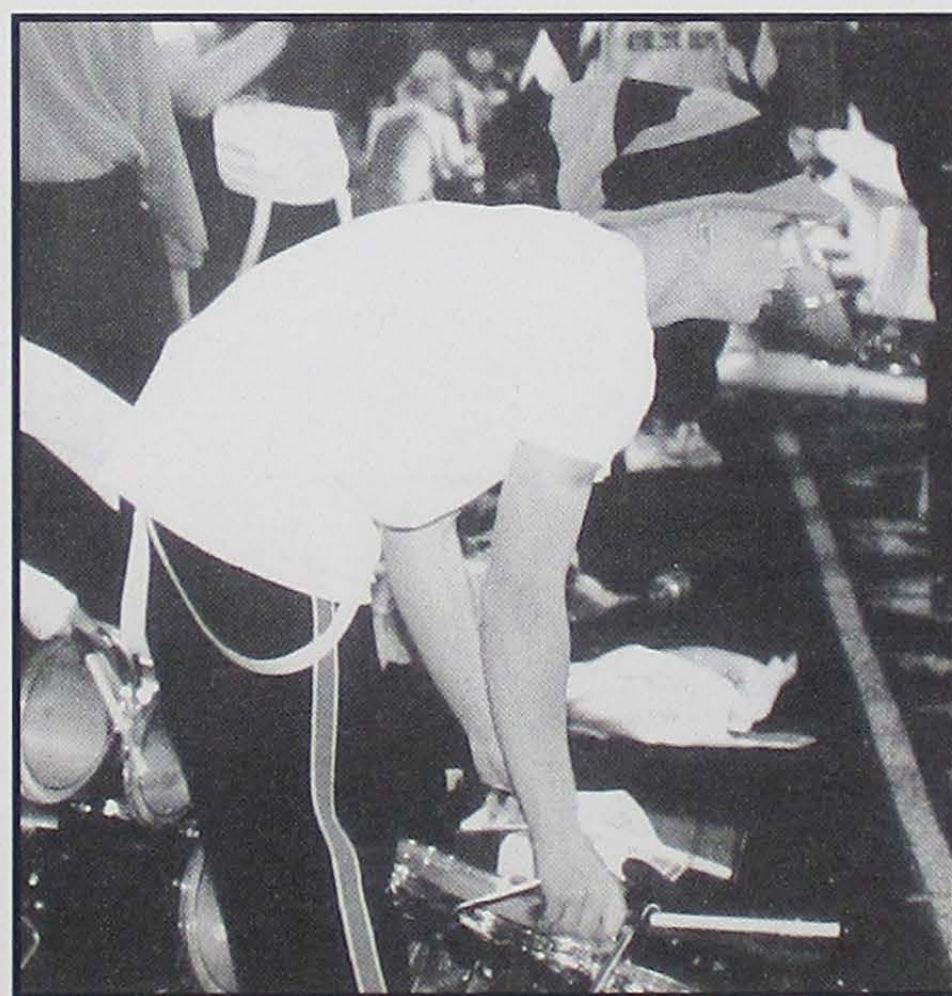


Members of the girls' swim team look on in anticipation of their scores after the 4 x 100 relay race at the conference meet. Many times the object wasn't only to defeat the opponent but also for the team to try and beat their last time at a meet. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



The varsity girls' basketball team search for the Ankeny opponent they are to guard. The Hawkettes were one of the most difficult teams the girls had to play this year. The

Cyclones beat the team at their first match up and lost the second time. The win, however, helped them on their road to the regionals. (photo by Ellen Haws)



Junior **Adam Webb** sports his orange and black hat for the football game. The marching band provided entertainment at half time and kept the crowd fired up on the sidelines for the rest of the game. (photo by Mandi Hardy)



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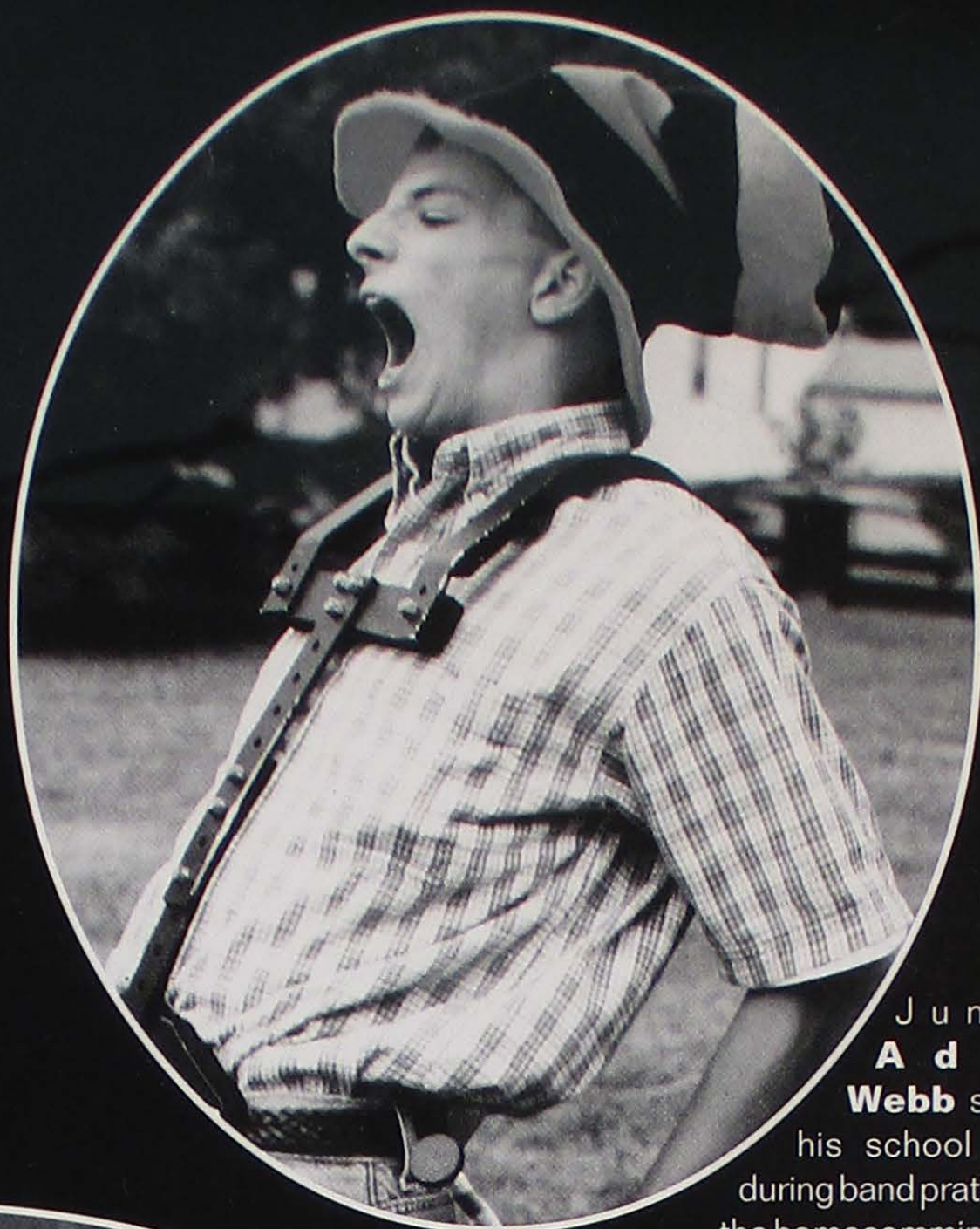
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## People



Senior **Christine VanMeter** is attacked from behind during the freshmen girls swim team initiation. (photo by M'andi Hardy)



Junior **Adam Webb** shows his school spirit during band practice for the homecoming half-time show. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Chosen members of the senior class discuss strategy before the tug-of-war during the kick-off assembly for homecoming. (photo by Stacey Chung)

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# Visionaries

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# Sorry!



When opening the yearbook to your class, you may be surprised to see your's or one of your friend's names with a "no photo available" by it. The high number of missing photos was caused by the LifeTouch CD not working and also because a box of freshmen pictures mysteriously disappeared. The new security system on the computers also made it quite difficult to find all of the pictures. If you have any concerns, please talk to Mr. Achter or LifeTouch. Sorry for the inconvenience.

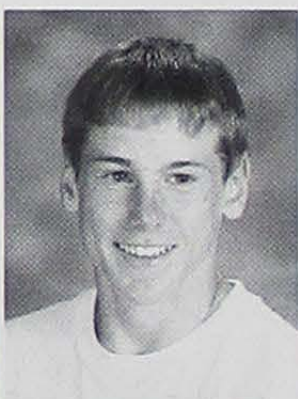
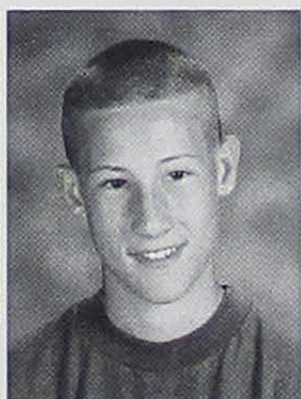


Freshmen **Shaun Mabe**, **Kyle Vance**, and **Dan Weirson** plan a way to sneak out for lunch. (photo by Amy Chung).

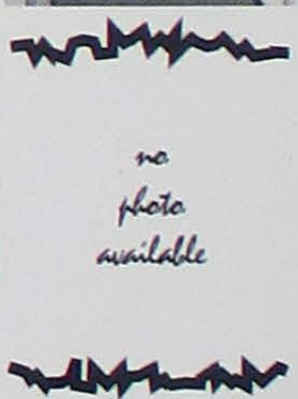
Freshman **Cassidy Hall** searches in dismay for someone to come save her from boring B-9. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)



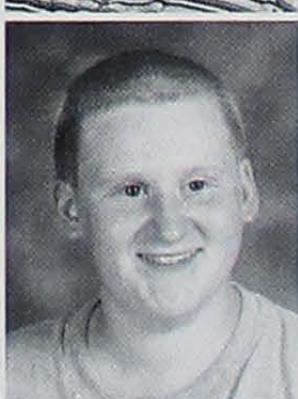
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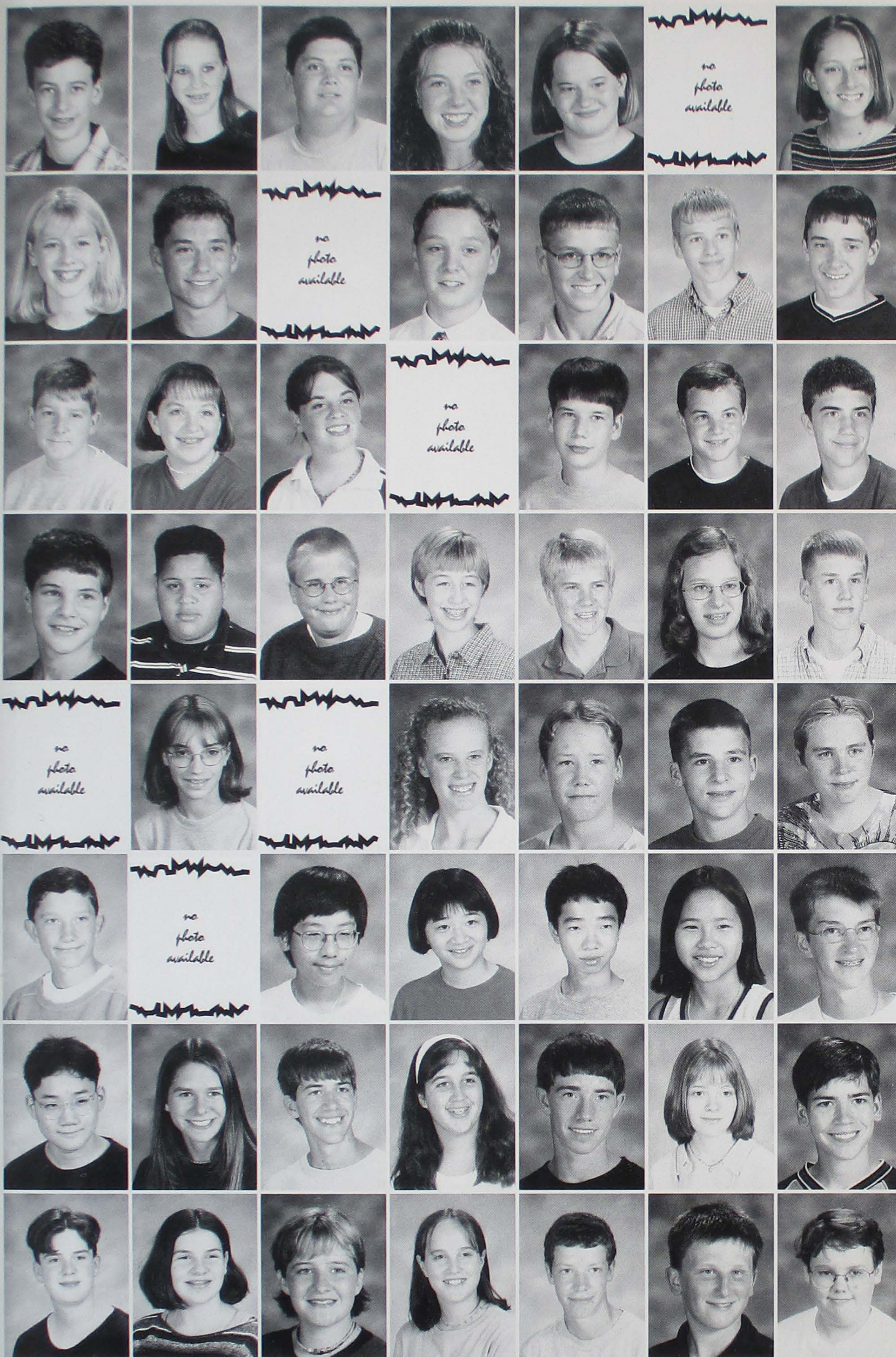
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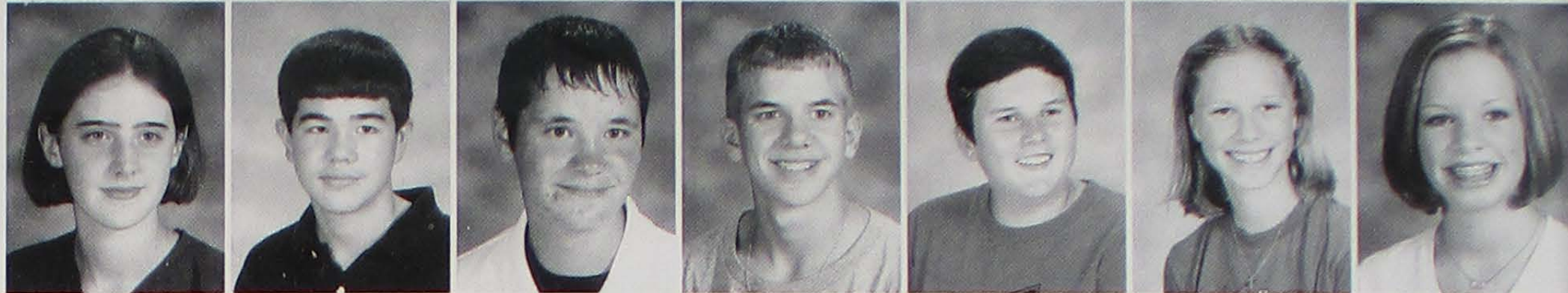
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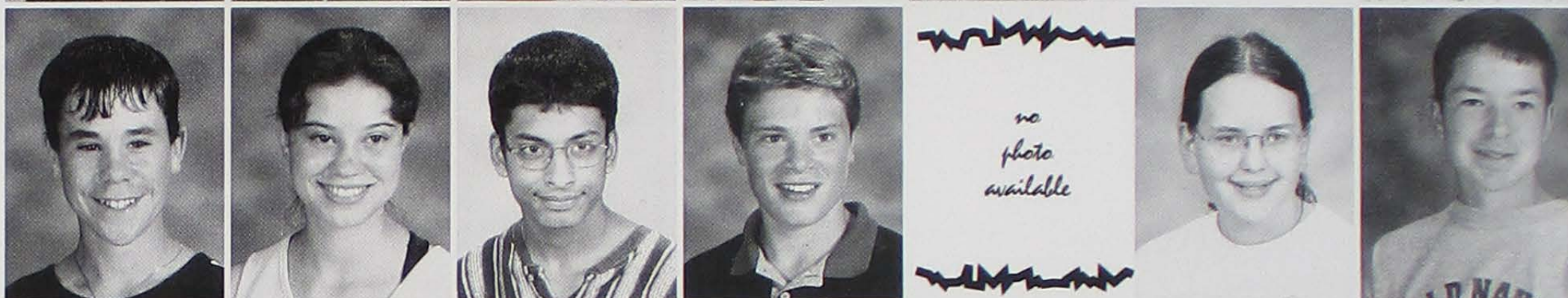
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re senior guys really as cool as they think they are? We asked a few people what they thought of senior guys who wear glasses without lenses in them.

- They're pretty sweet! **Freshman Oriana Kautmann**

- Oh yeah. They look really smart. **Freshman Emily Gleeson**

- Those stupid glasses without lenses doesn't let them see how stupid they really are. **Senior Sam Kolner**

- I think they're funny, because I always want to poke them.  
**Sophomore Laura Wilson**

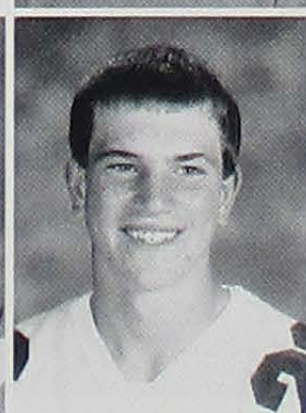
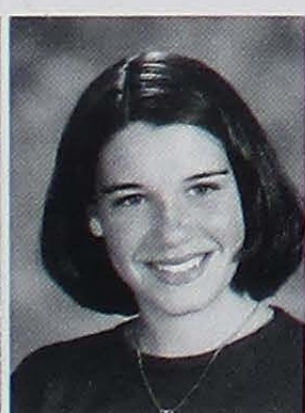
- They would be cooler if their frames were colored.  
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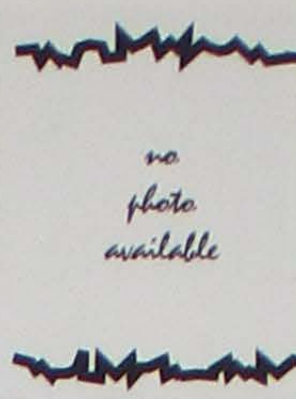
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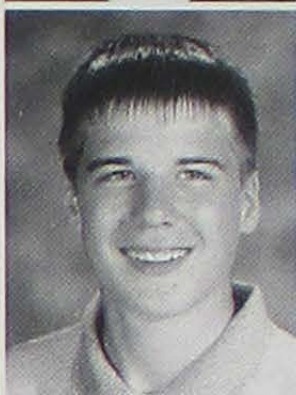
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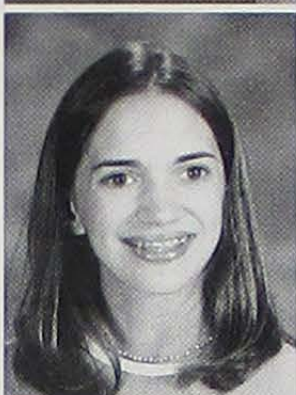
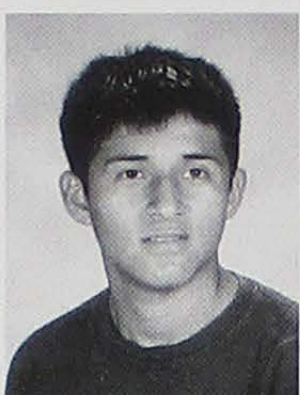
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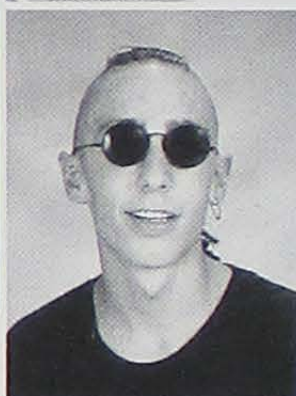
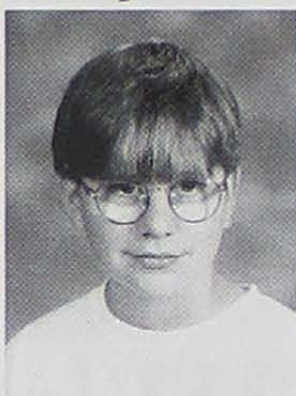
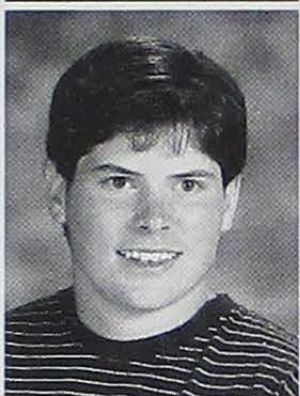
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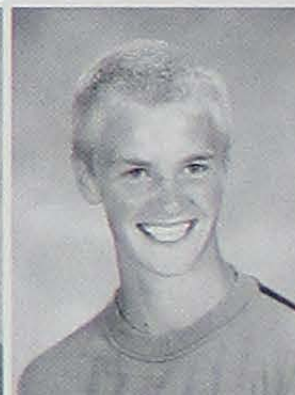
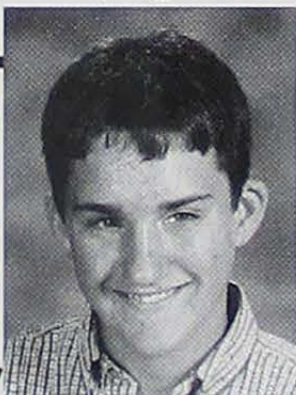
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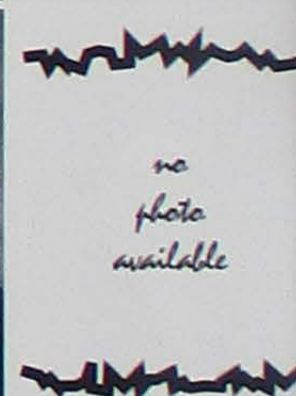
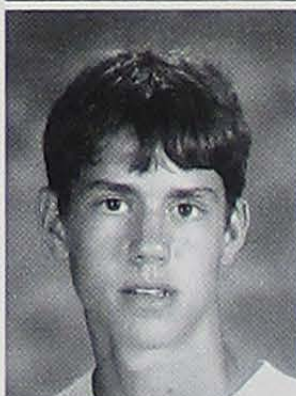
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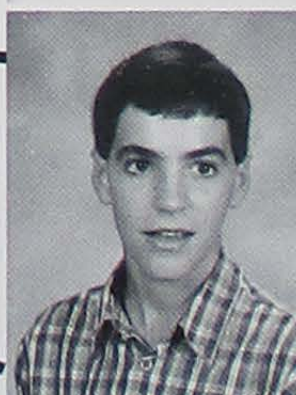
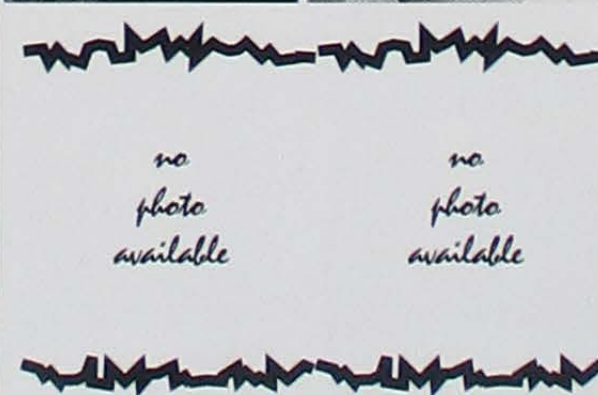
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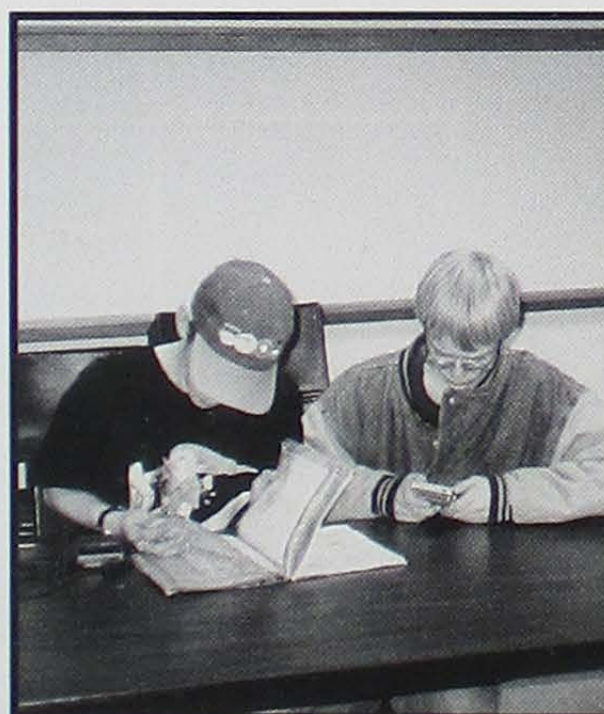
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## Freshmen had fun in study centers



Once in awhile freshmen were allowed to use the media center to study. **Kaija Peterson**, **Sarah Kuhhen**, and **Andrea Woodward** study in the air conditioning. (Photo by Amy Chung)



Wow, Pocket Gameboys! Freshmen **David Sundberg** and **Shaun Olson** use their free time playing games. (Photo by Amy Chung)

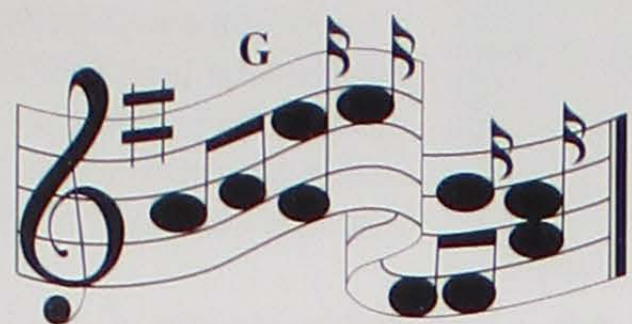
With the over crowding of Ames High, the multi-purpose room was turned into a study center for underclassmen. Freshmen **Sara Fauquet** and **Laura Stasko** were some of the few who use their time wisely and actually study. (photo by Amy Chung)





# Battle of the Boys

*This past year there was a resurrection of boy singing groups. N'Sync, Backstreet, and 98 degrees became the biggest teenage groups since the fall of New Kids on the Block. So which knew band was the best?*



"Backstreet Boys, because they lip sync better." **Freshman Jon Almer**

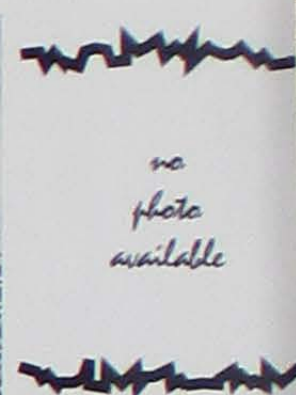
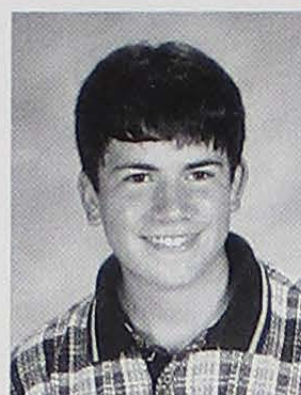
"Whats the difference?" **Junior Tim Distler**

"98 degrees because they are the hottest." **Sophomore Erica Lynn**

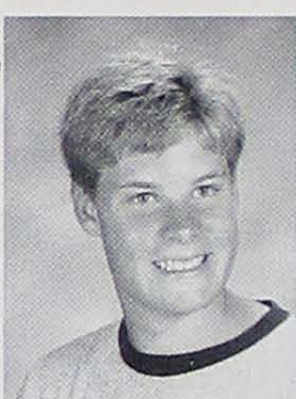
"They are all bad!!" **Sophomore Stephanie Inglett**



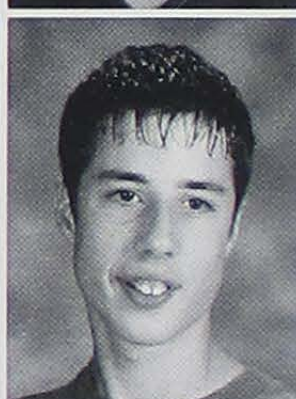
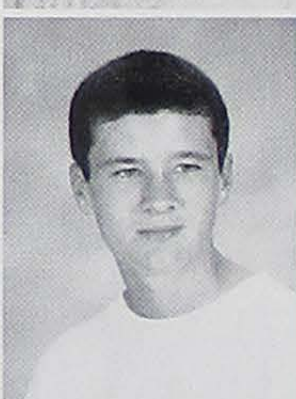
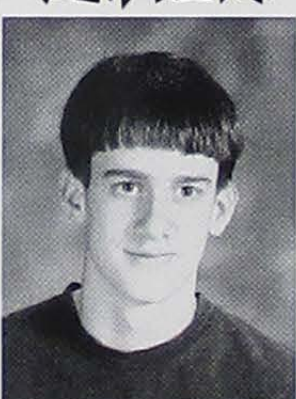
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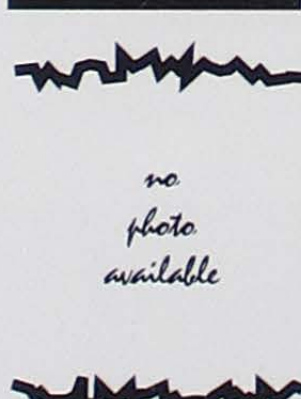
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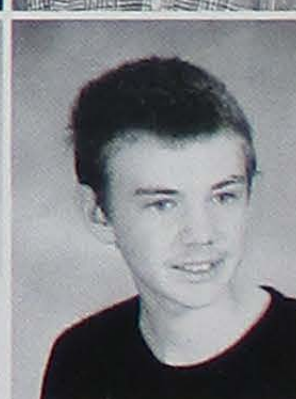
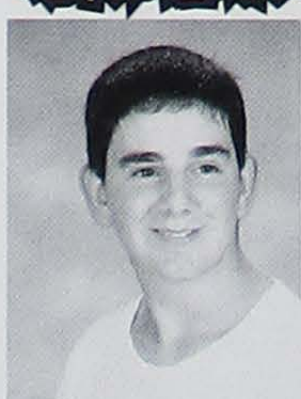
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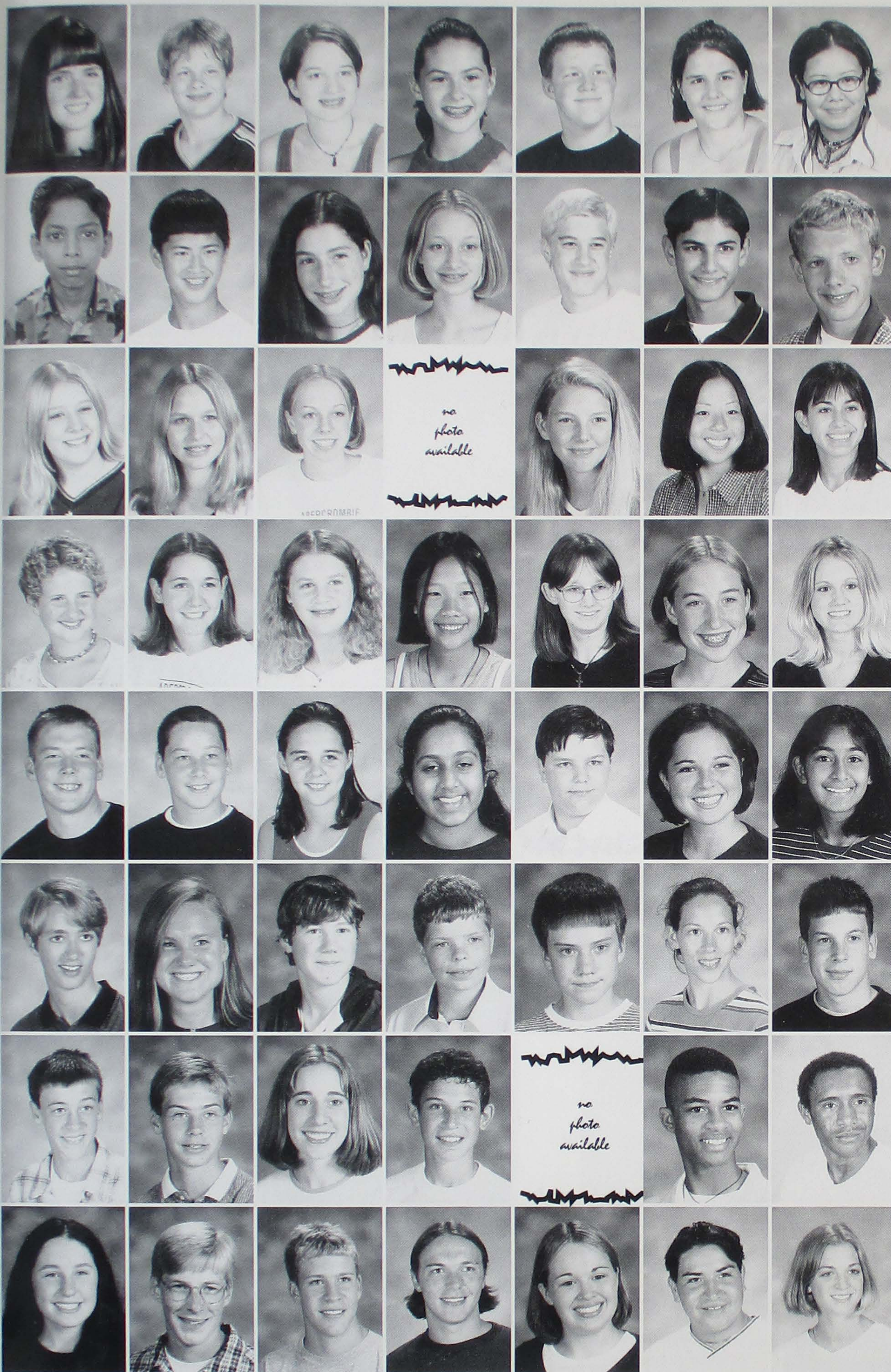
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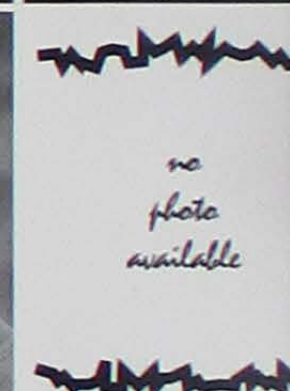
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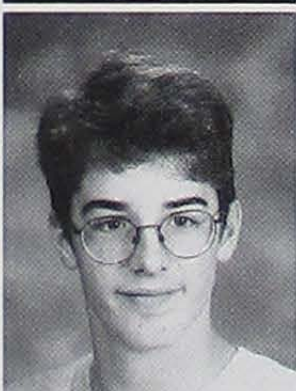
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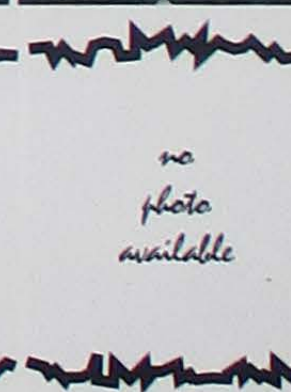
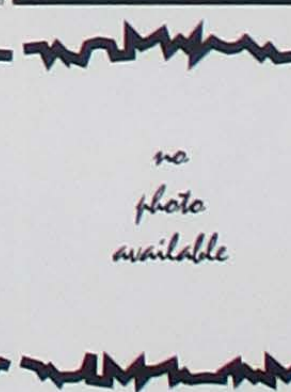
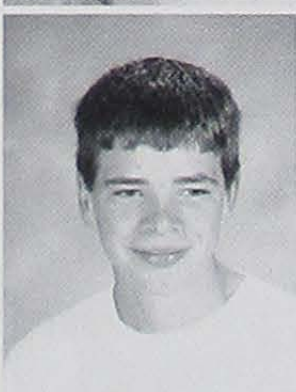
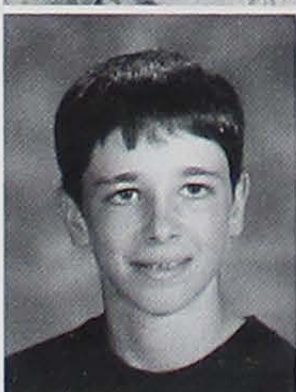
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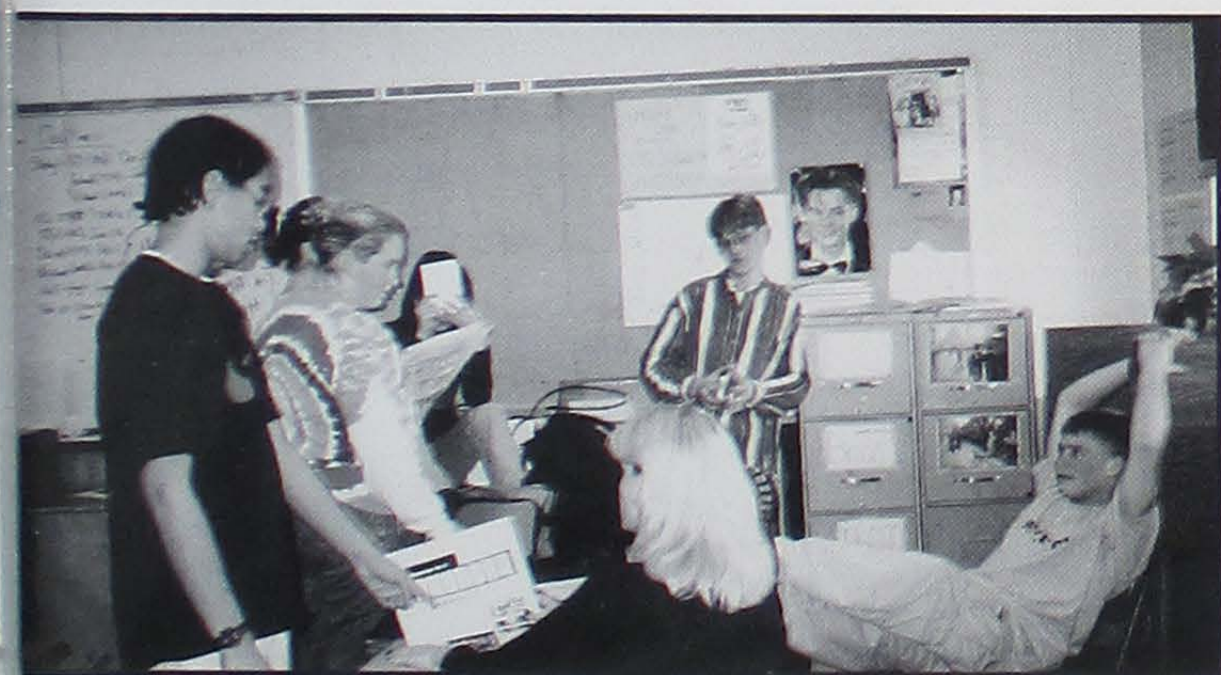
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## The Joys of Technology

Spirit staff members **Erin Martin, Mandi Hardy, Ross Wirth, Brian Jensen, and Ms. Brooks** relaxed while waiting for their computers to restart for the third time that day. Spirit and Web staff had many problems throughout the year with computers freezing on them. (photo by Stacey Chung)



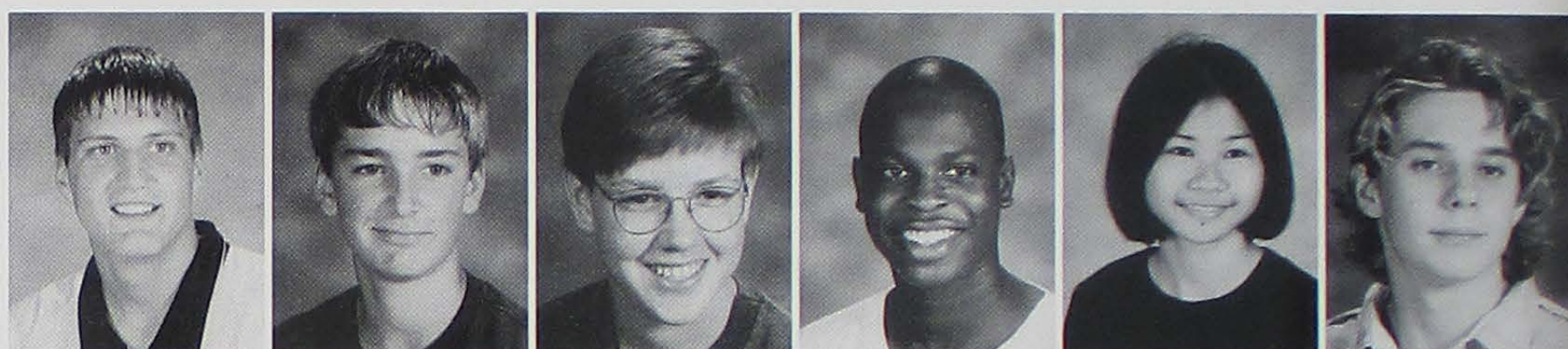
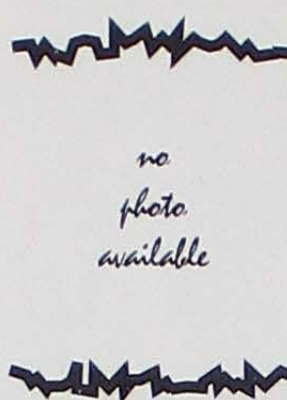
Senior **Paul Myers** looks around in despair as he tries to figure out what to do after his computer quit. Many students had the same troubles throughout the year as Paul did. There were always problems with computers freezing. The technology department tried to help, but there was just too many problems to help everyone.



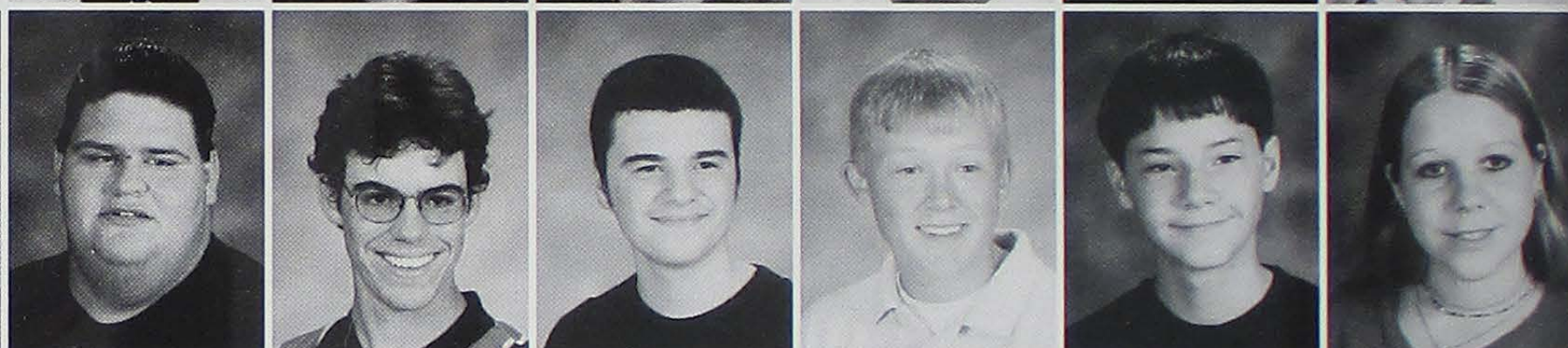
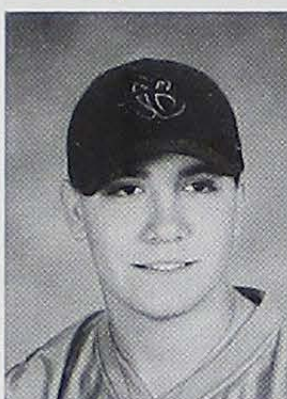
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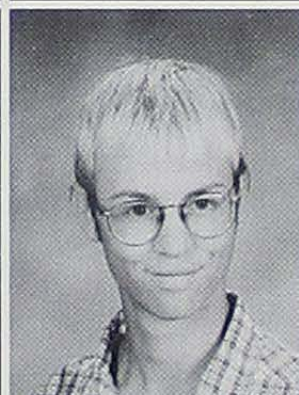
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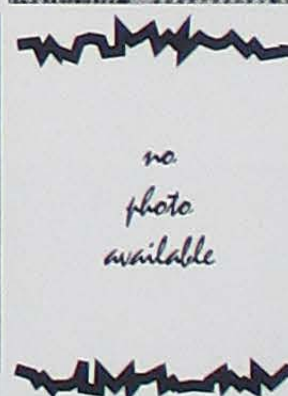
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# Would you feel insecure dating a girl taller than you?

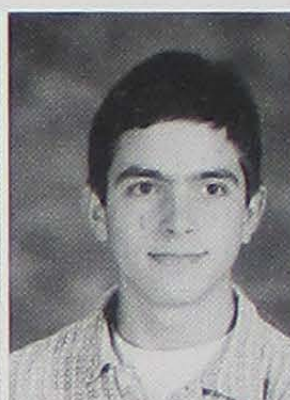
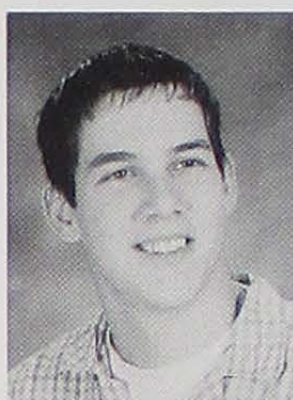
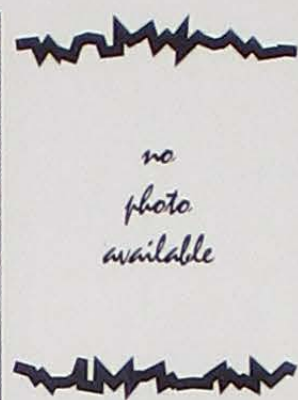
"It would be odd, but it wouldn't be a big deal. I might get made fun of though, because I'm short." sophomore **Travis Knapp**

"It doesn't matter to me, I think a girls' personality matters more." sophomore **Nick Inglett**

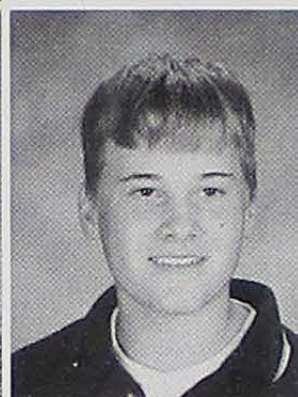
"It doesn't bother me if she is tall or short, but it would be nice if she was shorter." sophomore **Jordan Whalen**

"If a girl was taller than me, she would probably be an ogre, so i would feel weird." sophomore **Jamie Colbert**

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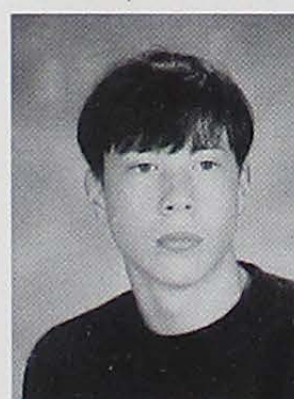
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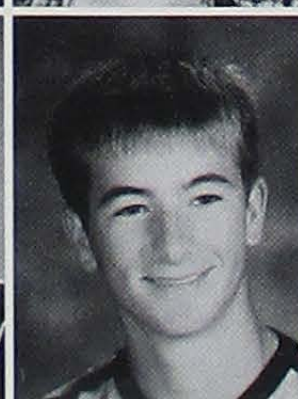
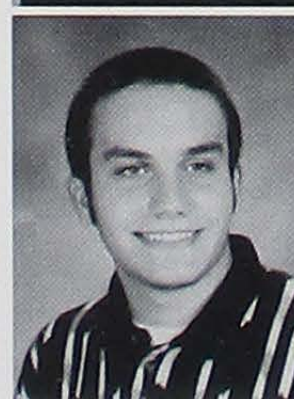
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Nathan Farrar  
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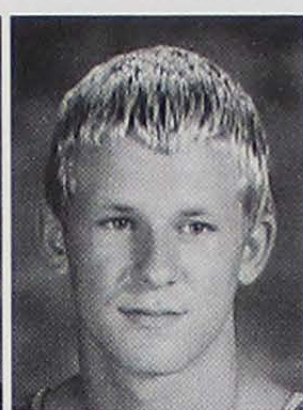
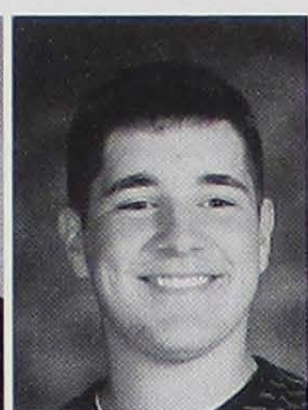
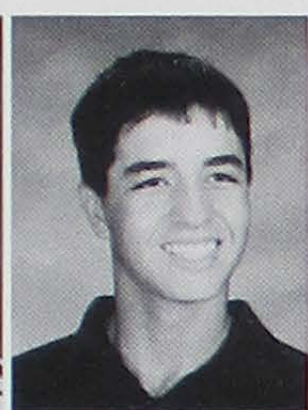




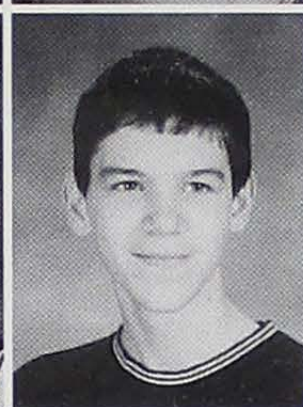
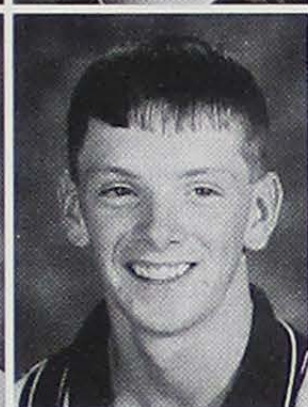
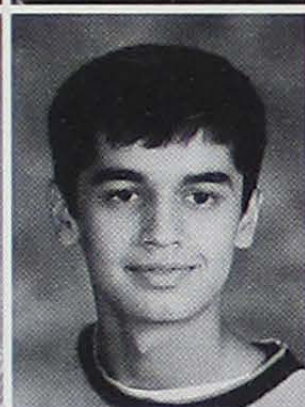
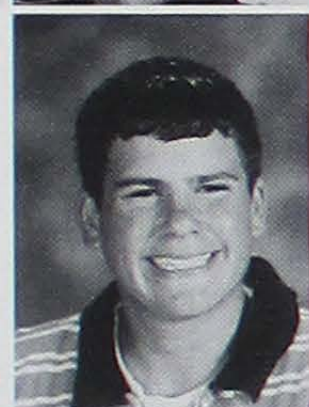


On a nice day many students would go outside during lunch to eat, talk to friends and play hak. (photo by Amy Chung).

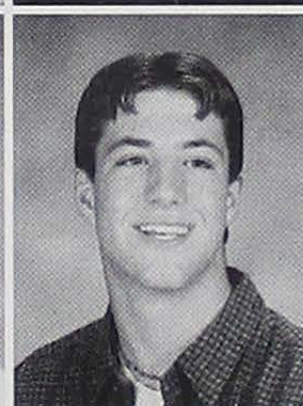
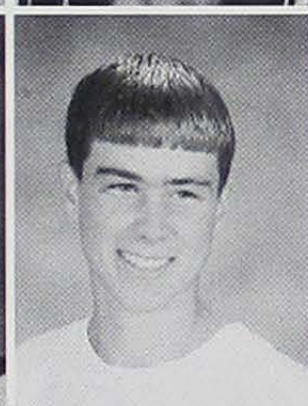
Junior **Ben Stover** looks at the clock hoping the bell will ring soon to get him out of class. (photo by Houdy Khrosavi).



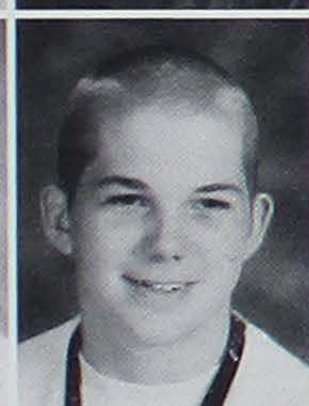
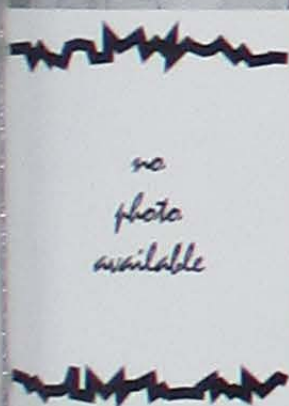
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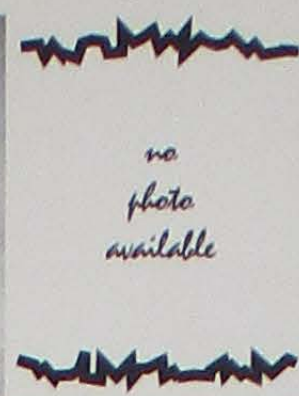
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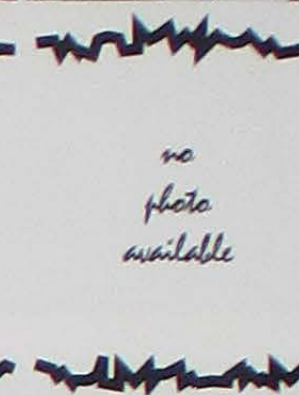
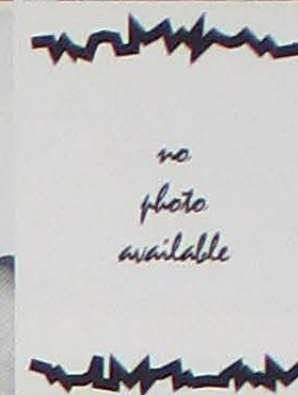
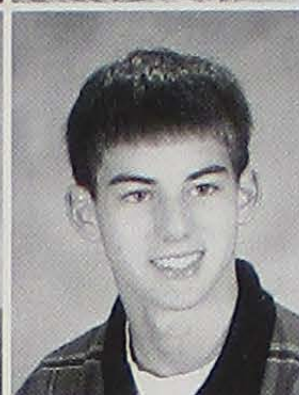
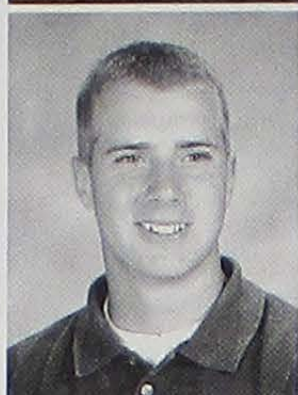
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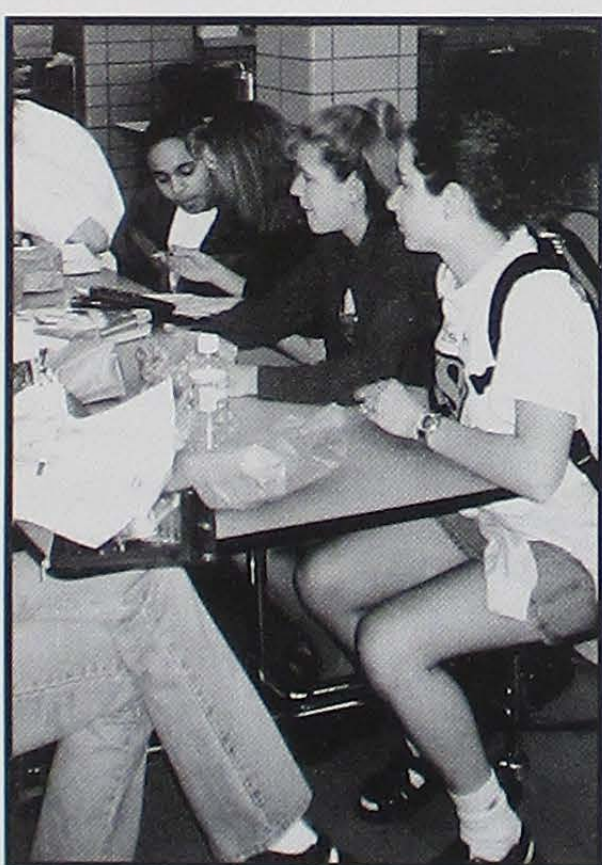
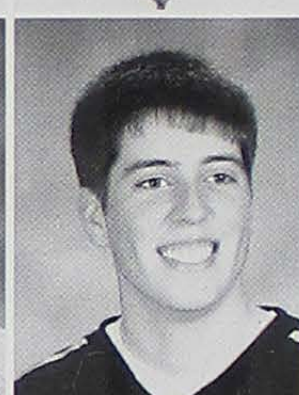
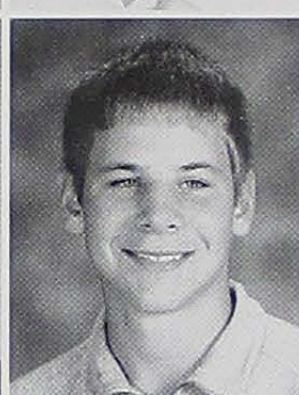
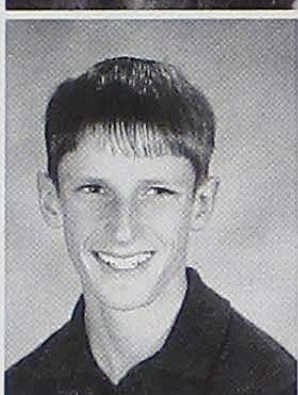
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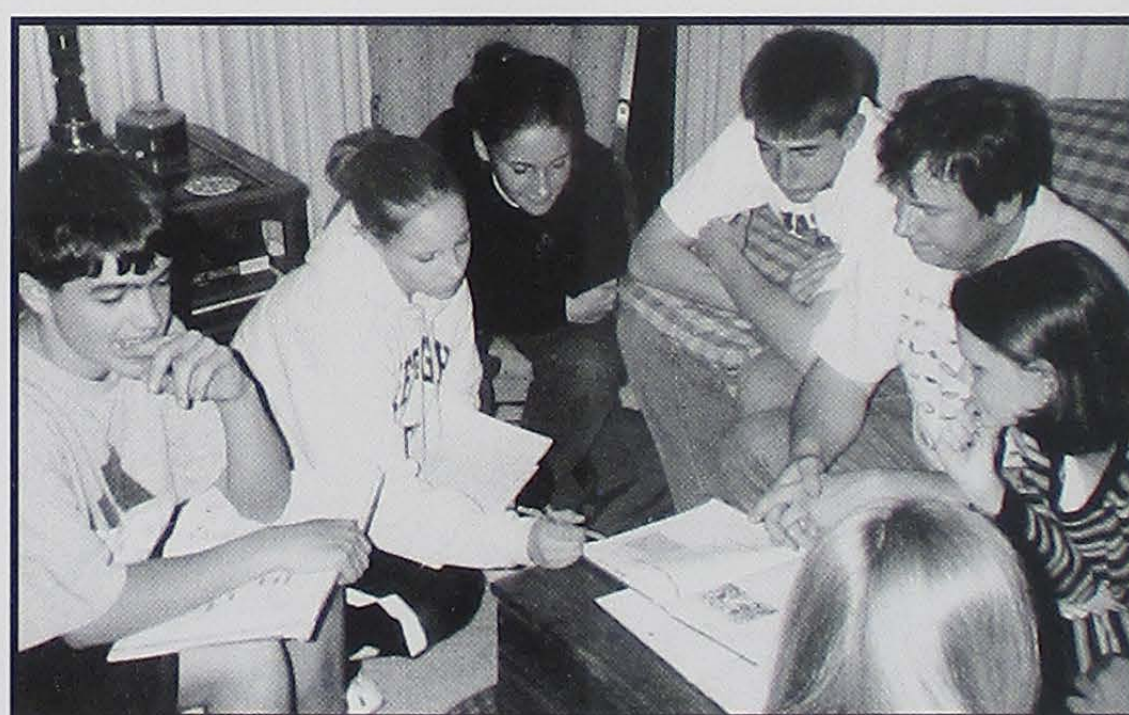
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Lunch isn't always about just eating, as these girls try to find room for each other in a crowded cafeteria. (photo by Amy Chung).

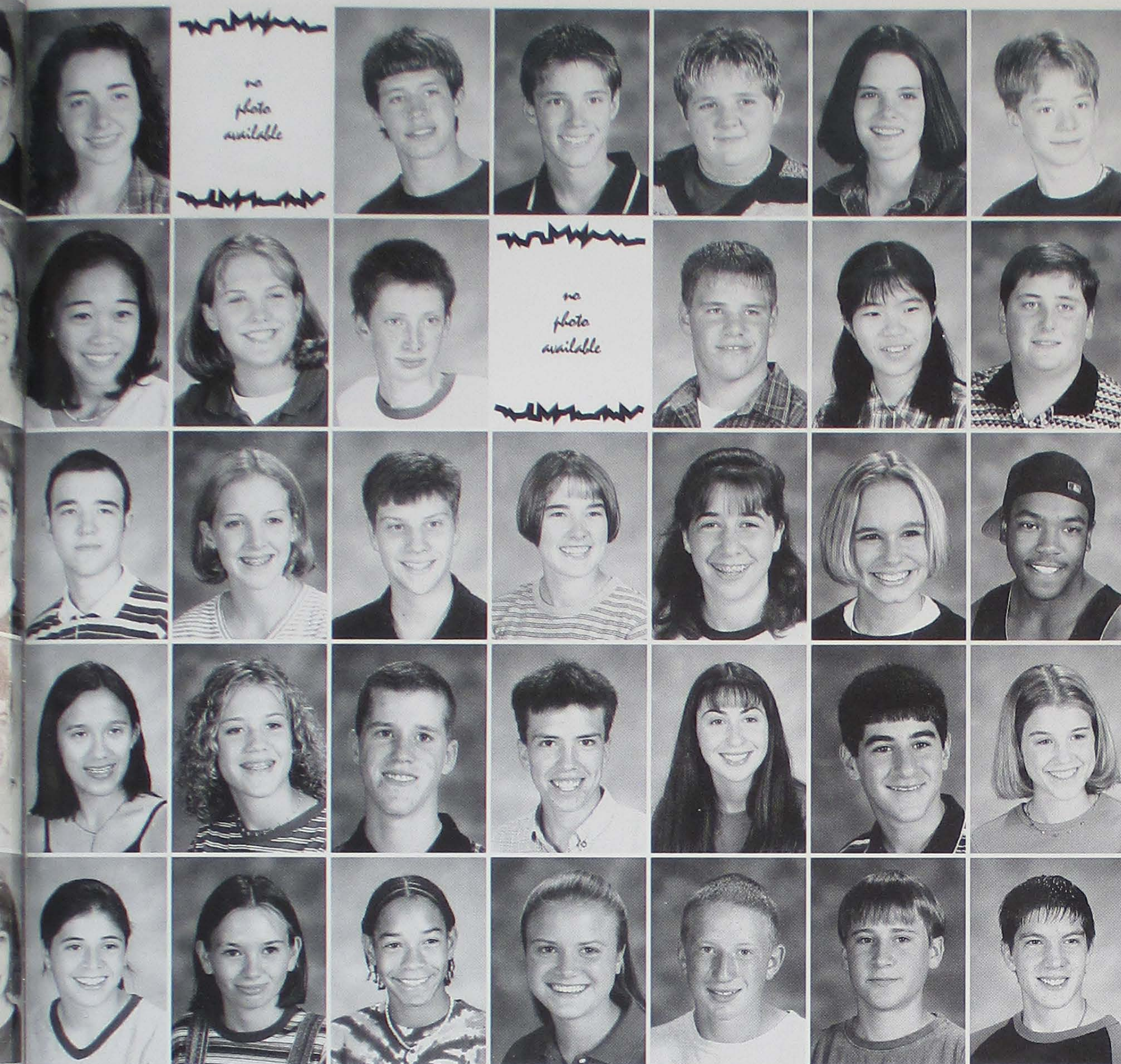


Sophomores **Mike Nassif, Kylan Loney, Amy Bappe, Jamie Colbert,** and **Amy Swanson** get help for a test the next day from Jamie's dad. Honors Biology was a rude awakening for many students. They were forced to put a lot more time and effort into their homework. (photo by Amy Chung).



A bored junior waits for his free period to end as he tries to find a good song on his CD player. (photo by Houdy Khrosavi).





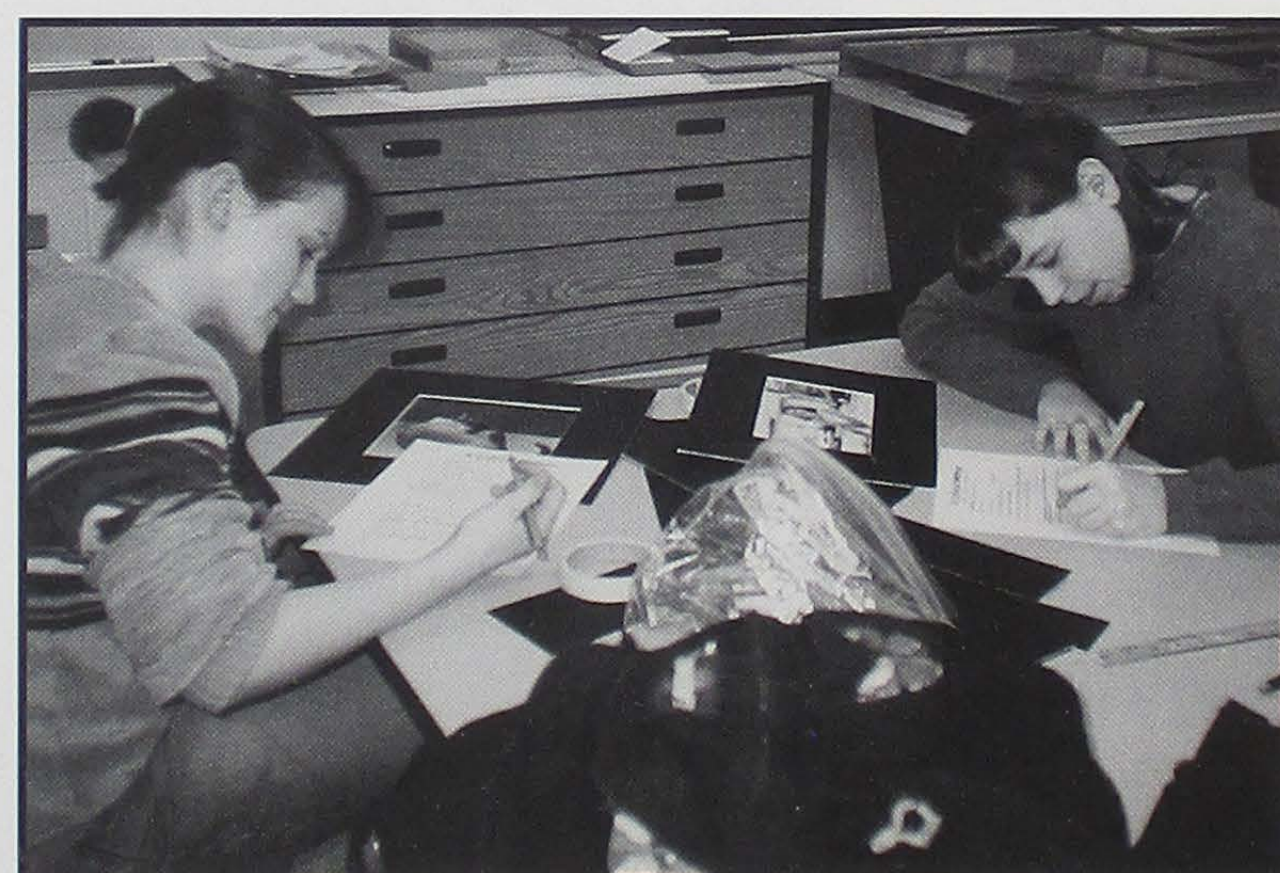
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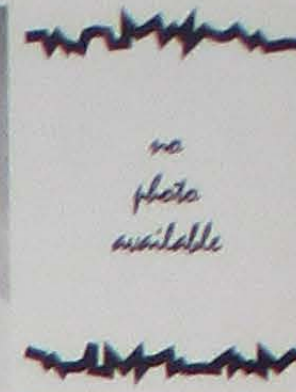


Sophomore guys enjoy being outside for lunch. When the weather was nice students were able to eat outside. (photo by Amy Chung).

Sophomores **Elsbeth Hagge** and **Abbey Townsend** critique their work in 4-D art class. (photo by Amy Chung).



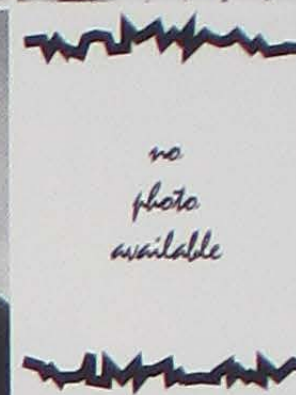
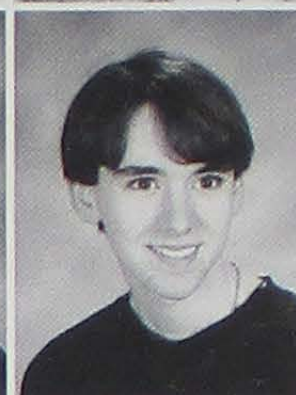
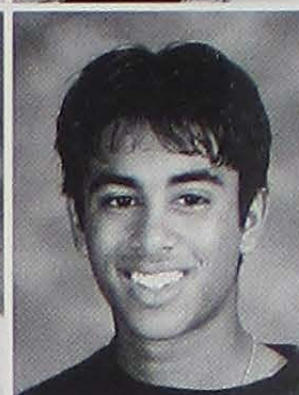
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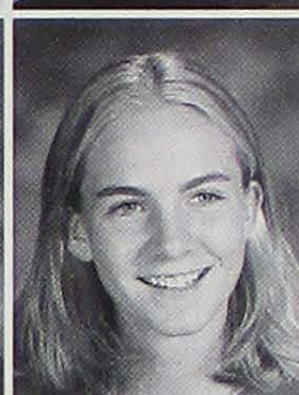
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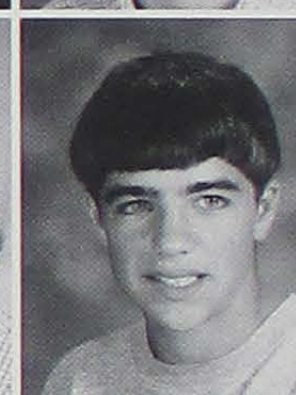
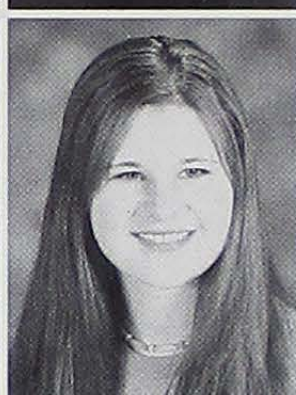
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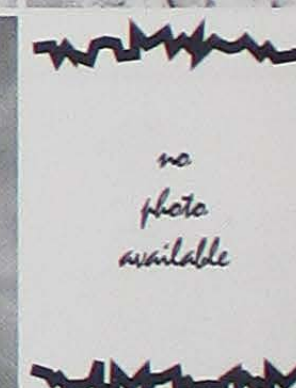
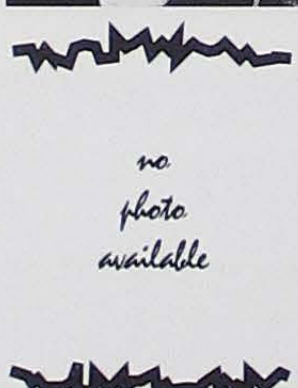
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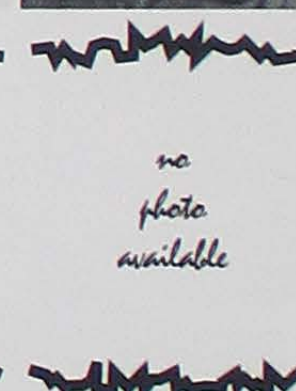
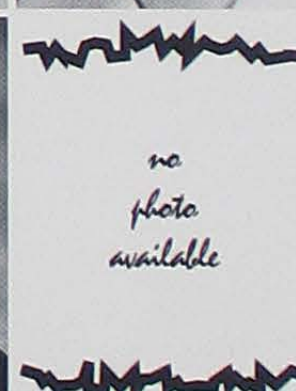
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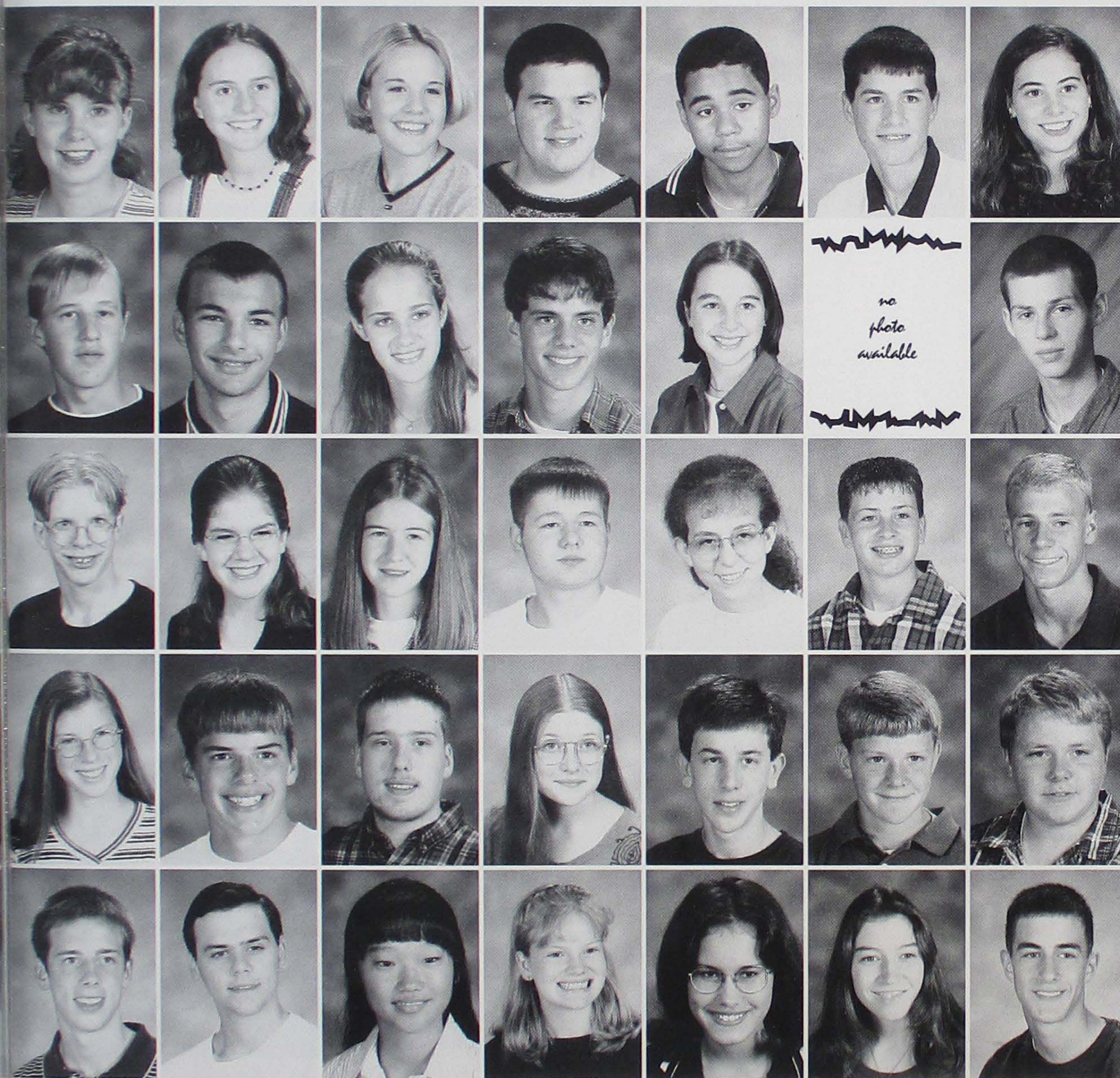






The sophomore girls' basketball team takes a picture after winning their first game. (photo by Ms. Brooks).

Sometimes students just liked sitting in the shade eating lunch and talking to their friends. (photo by Stacey Chung).



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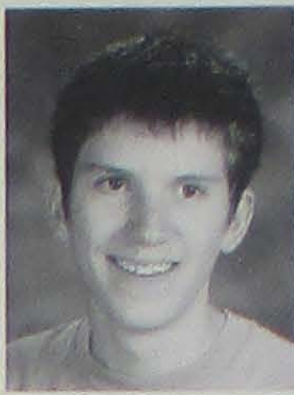
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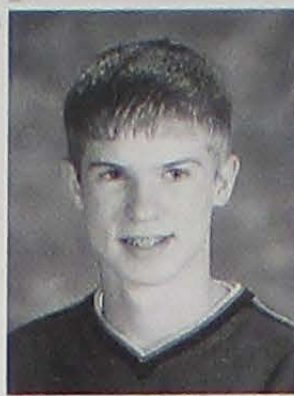
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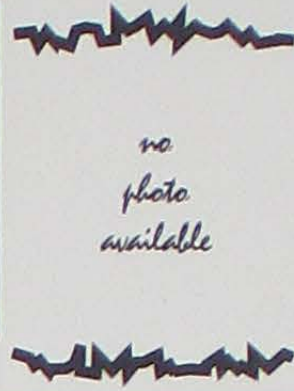
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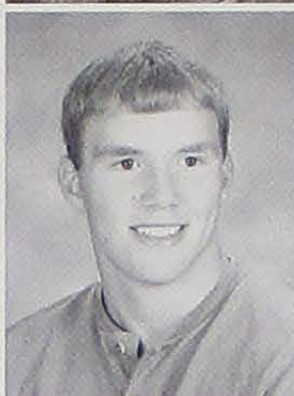
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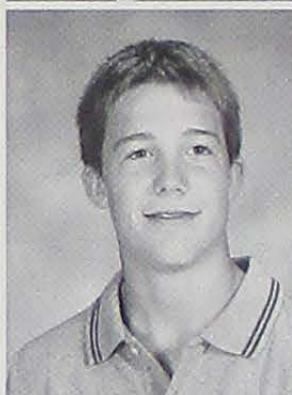
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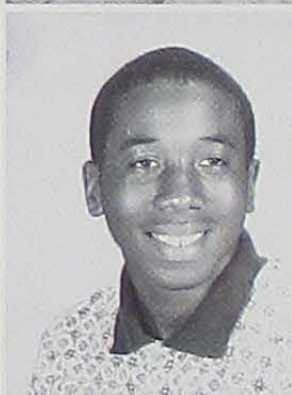
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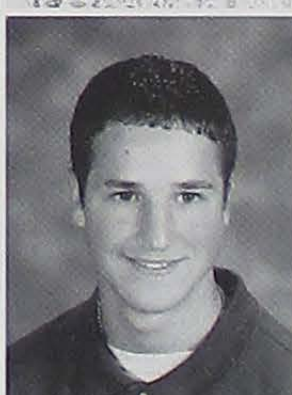
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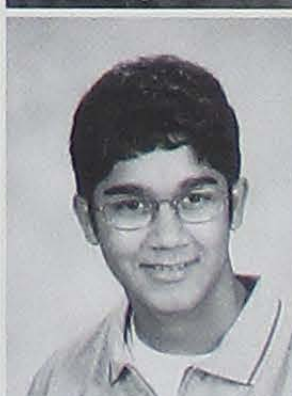
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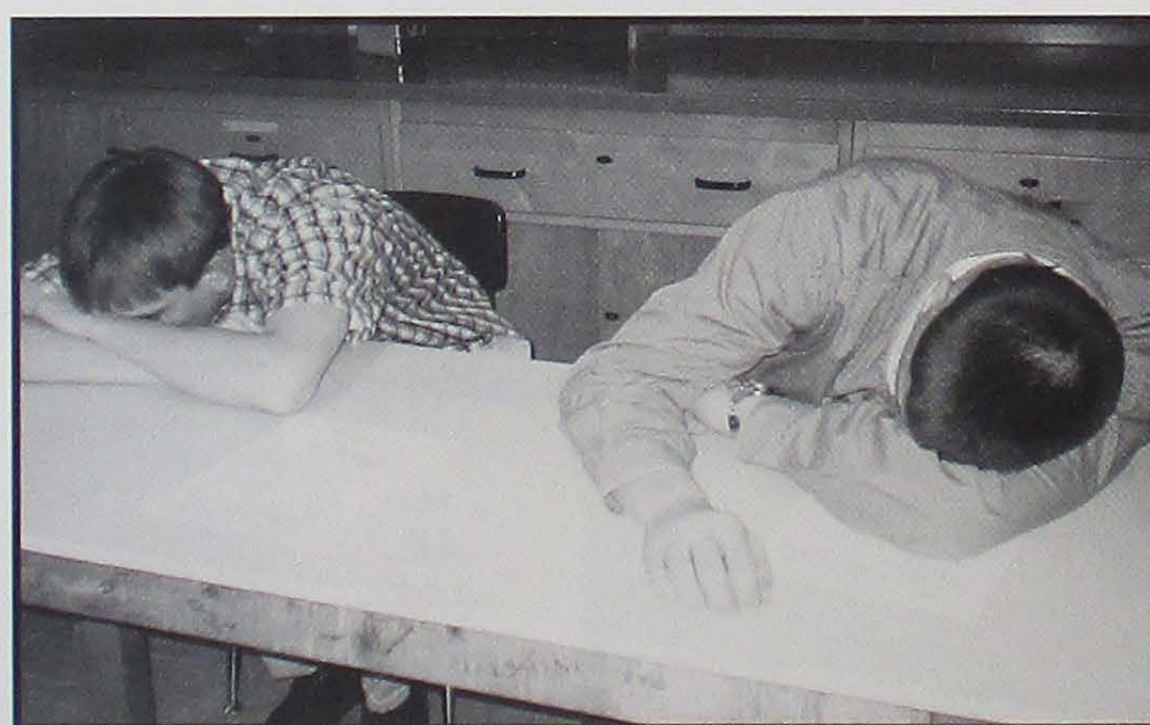
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With the busy schedules most had outside of school, many tried to catch a few winks at school.

## Everyone needs a little rest



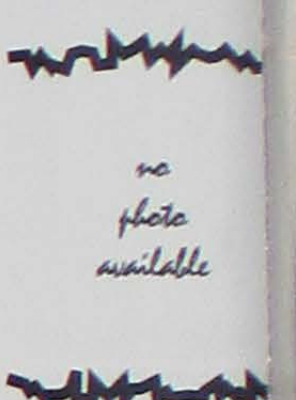
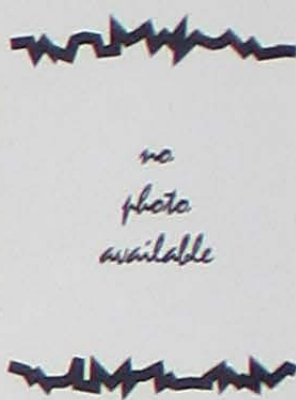
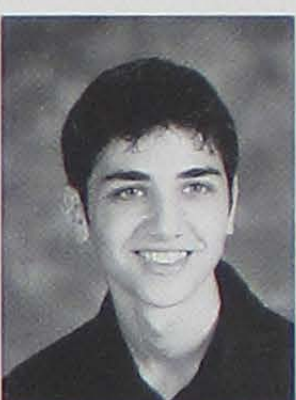
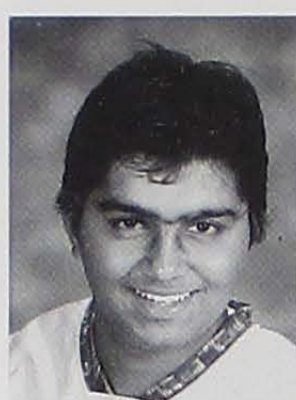
After being up all night studying for a test in biology, these sophomore boys are so relieved to be done with their tests, they decide to take a nap. Many students found the best time to get some sleep was during school because they were so busy with sports, clubs, friends and parents outside of school. (photo by Amy Chung).



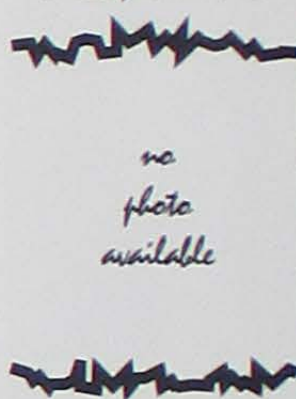
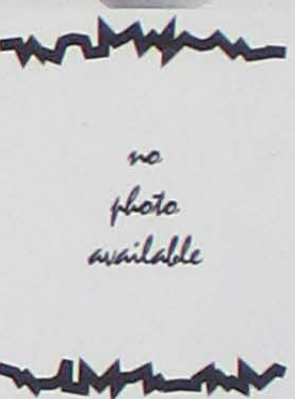
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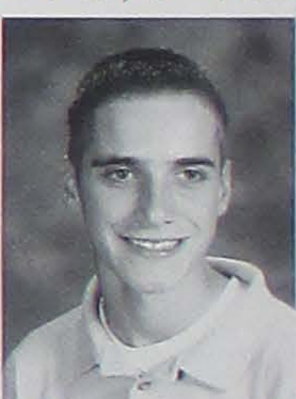
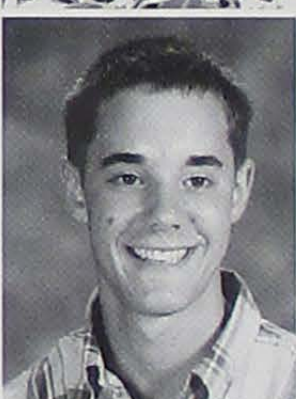
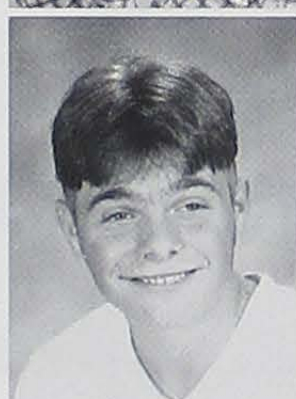
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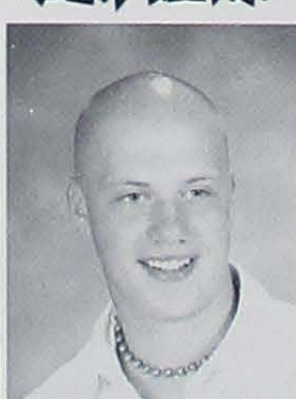
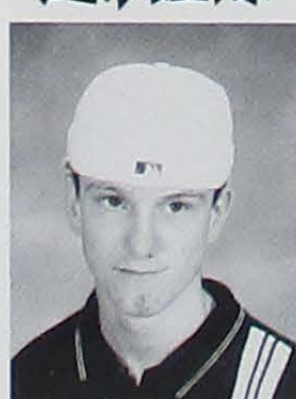
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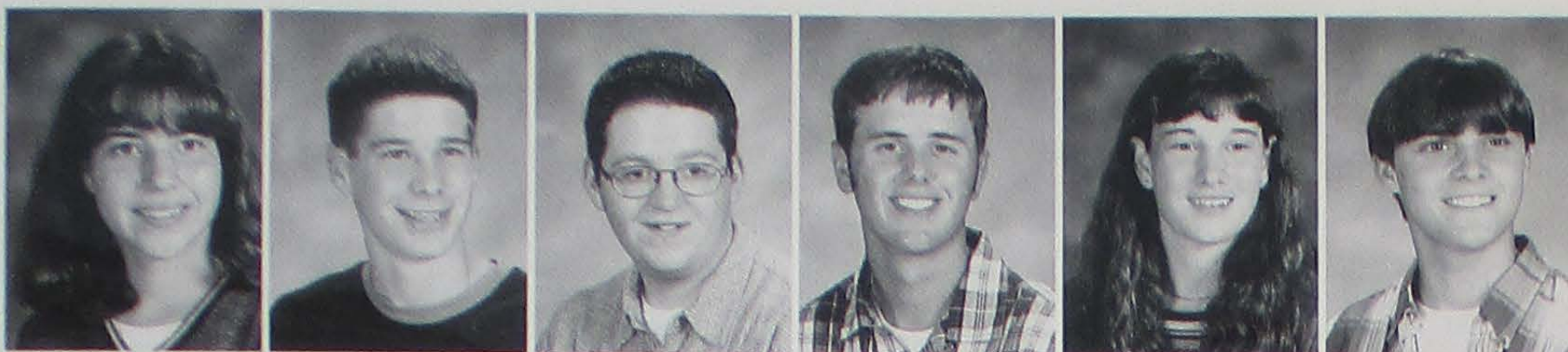
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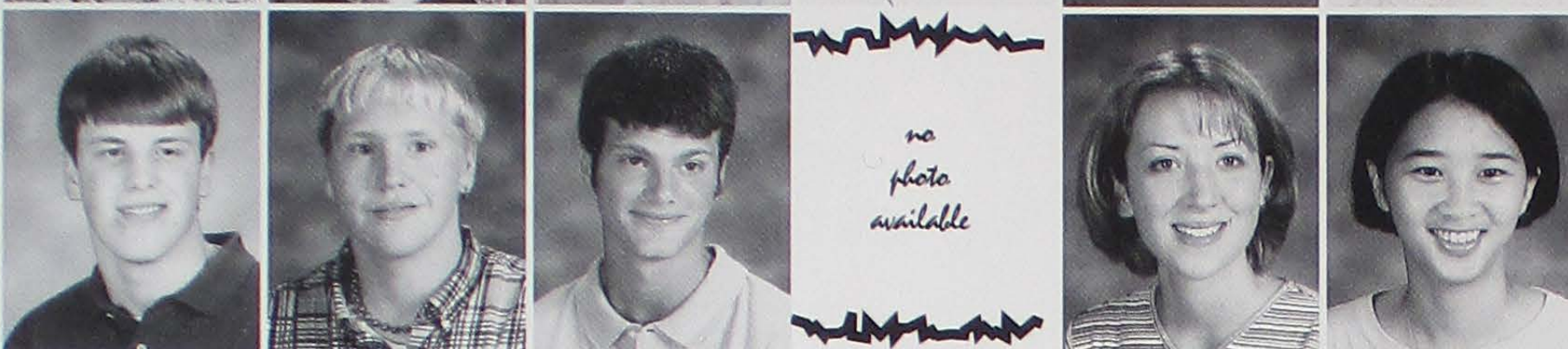




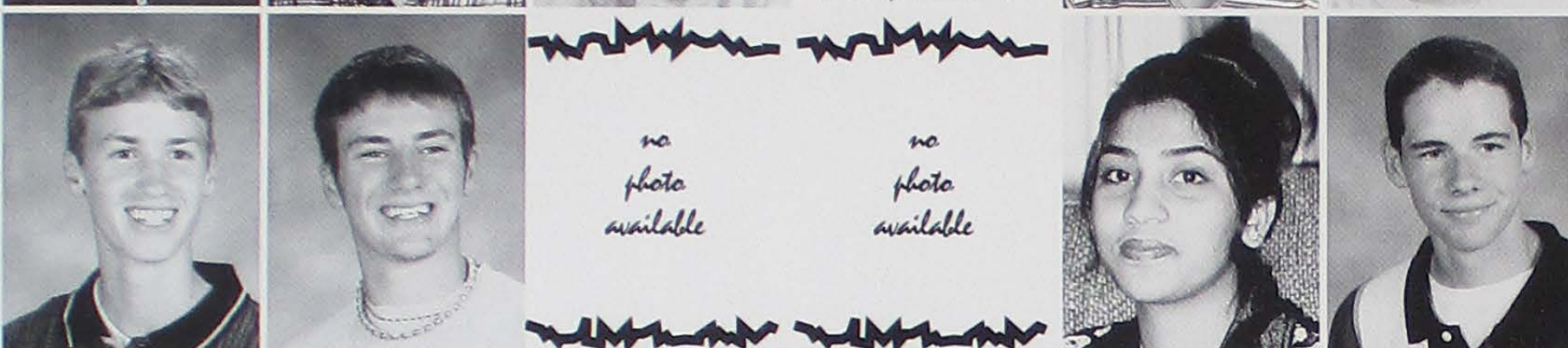
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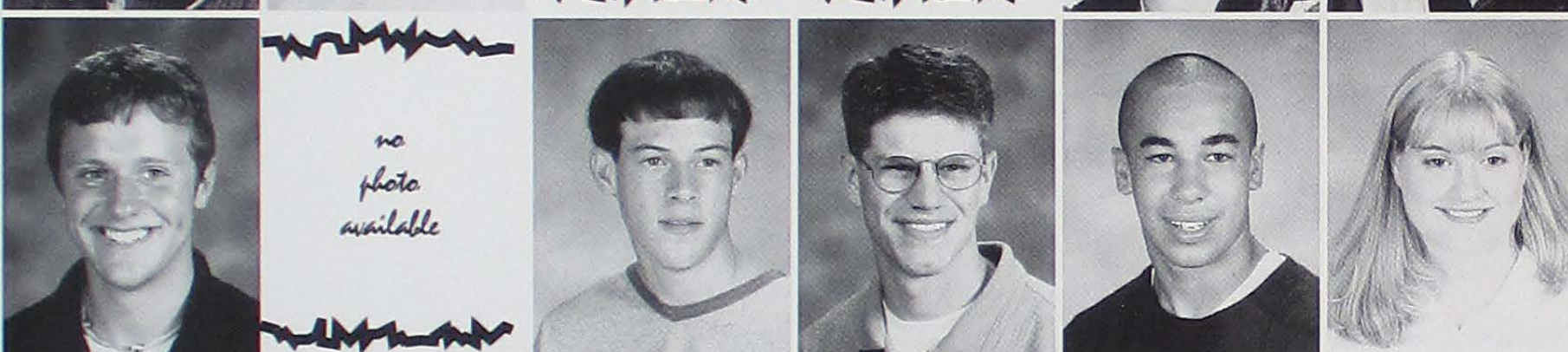
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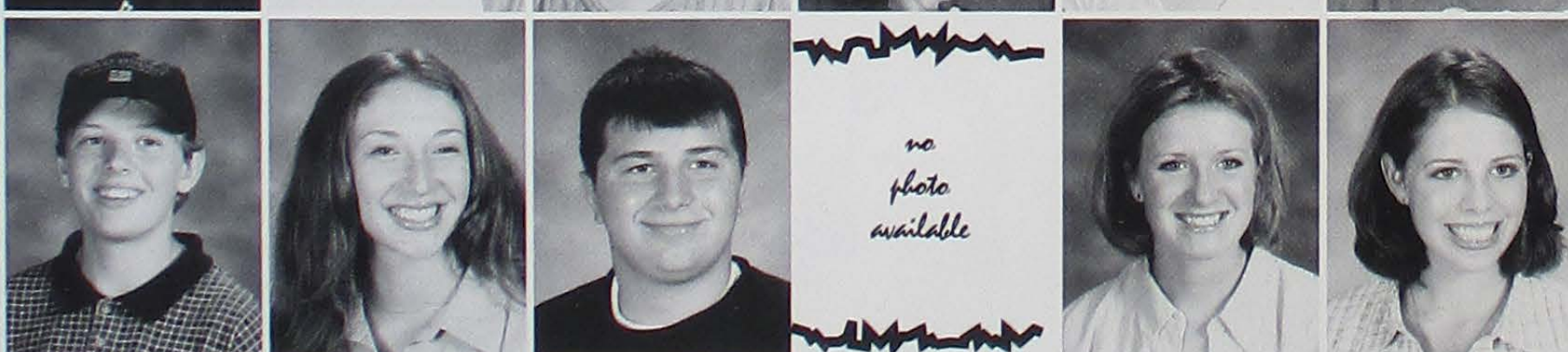
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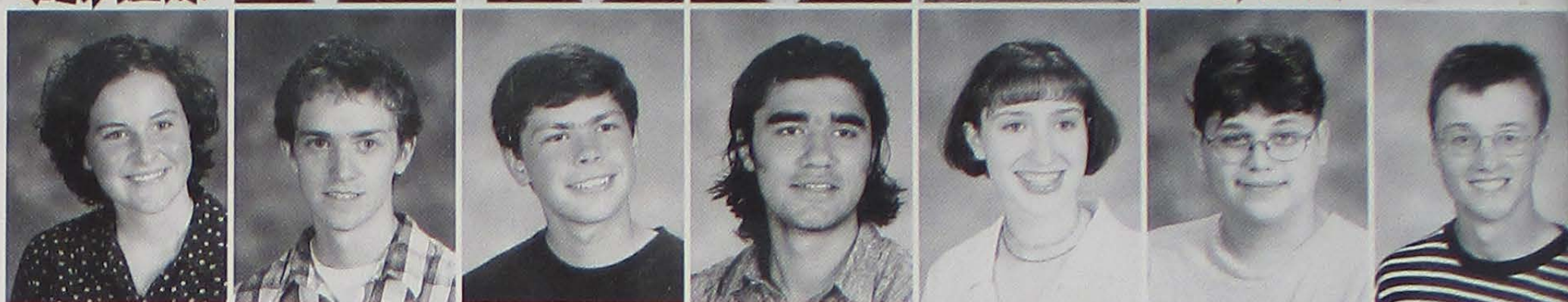
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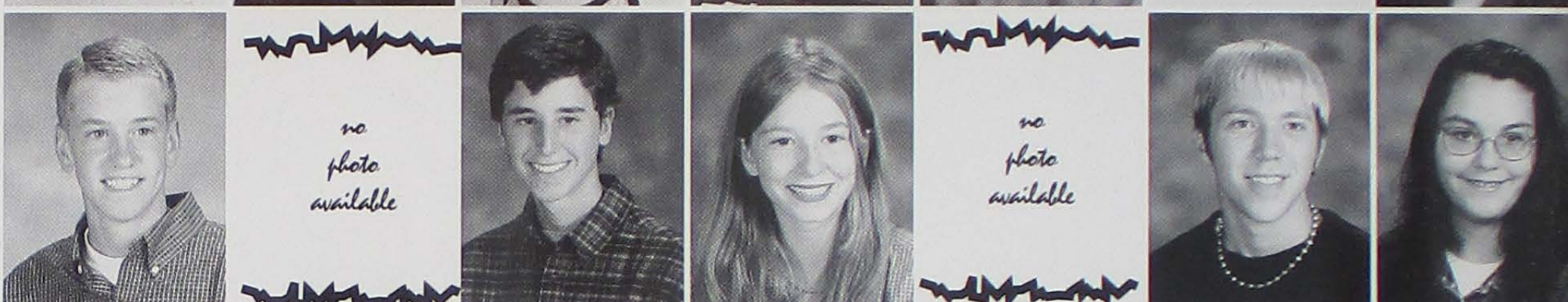
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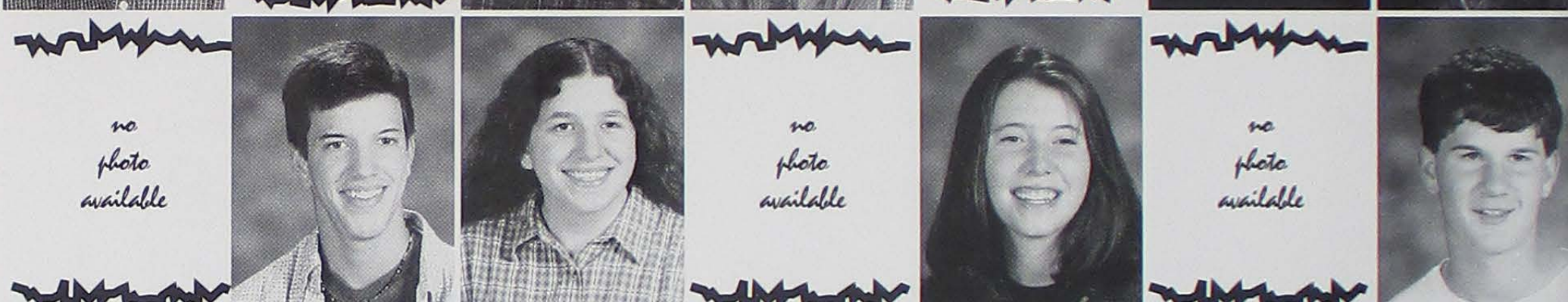
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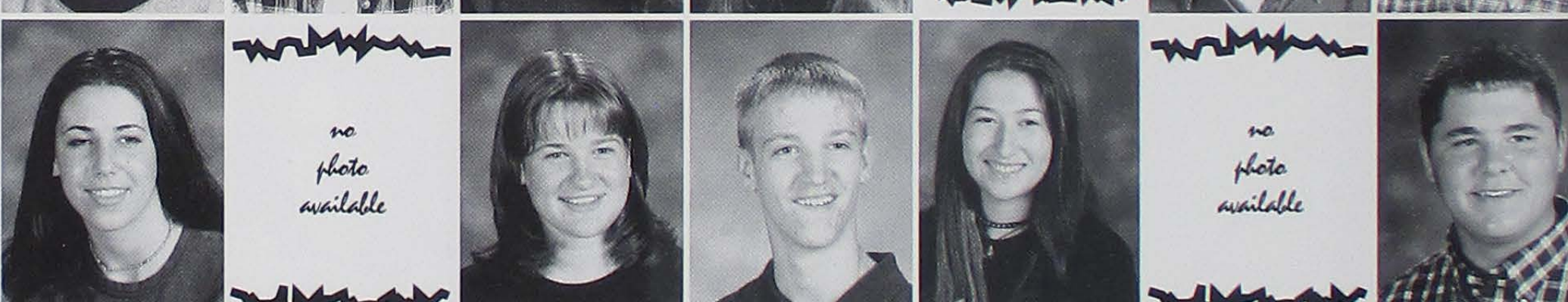
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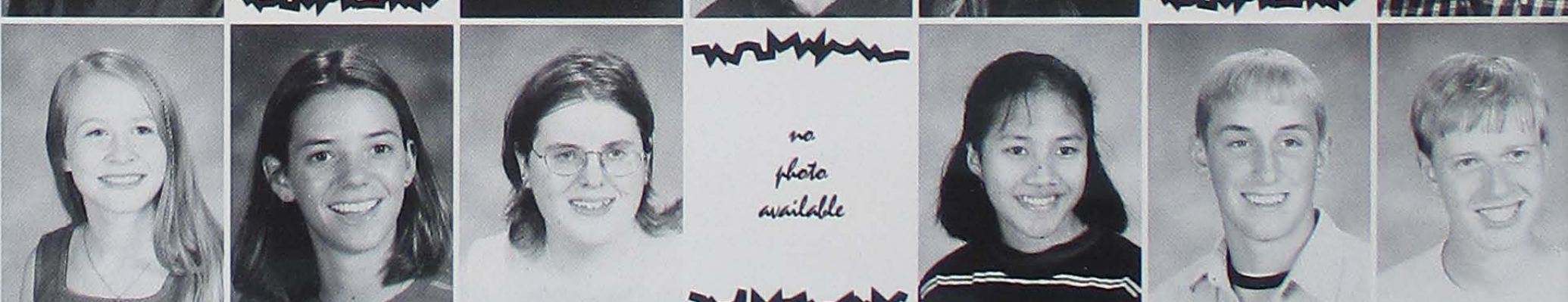
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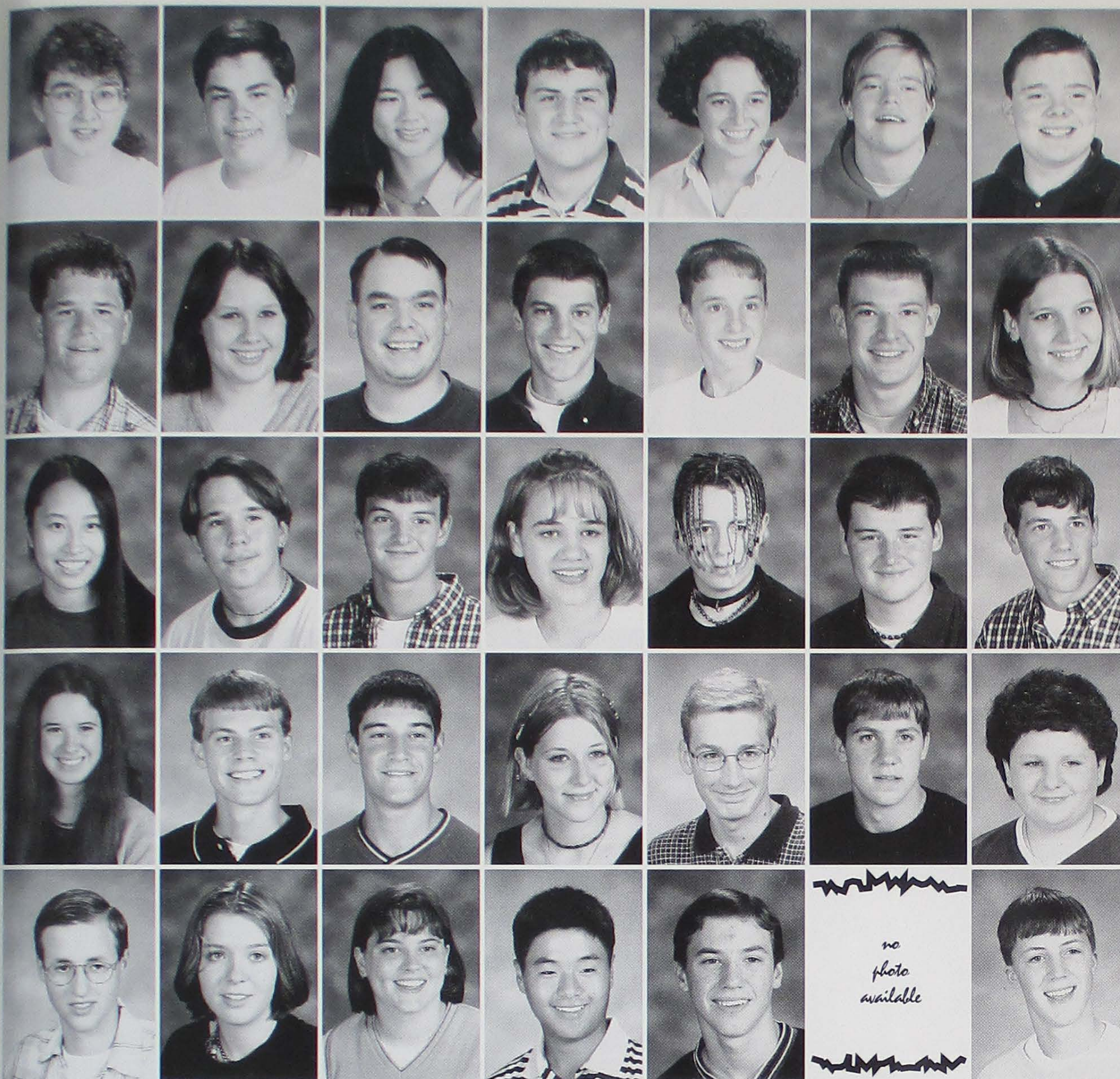
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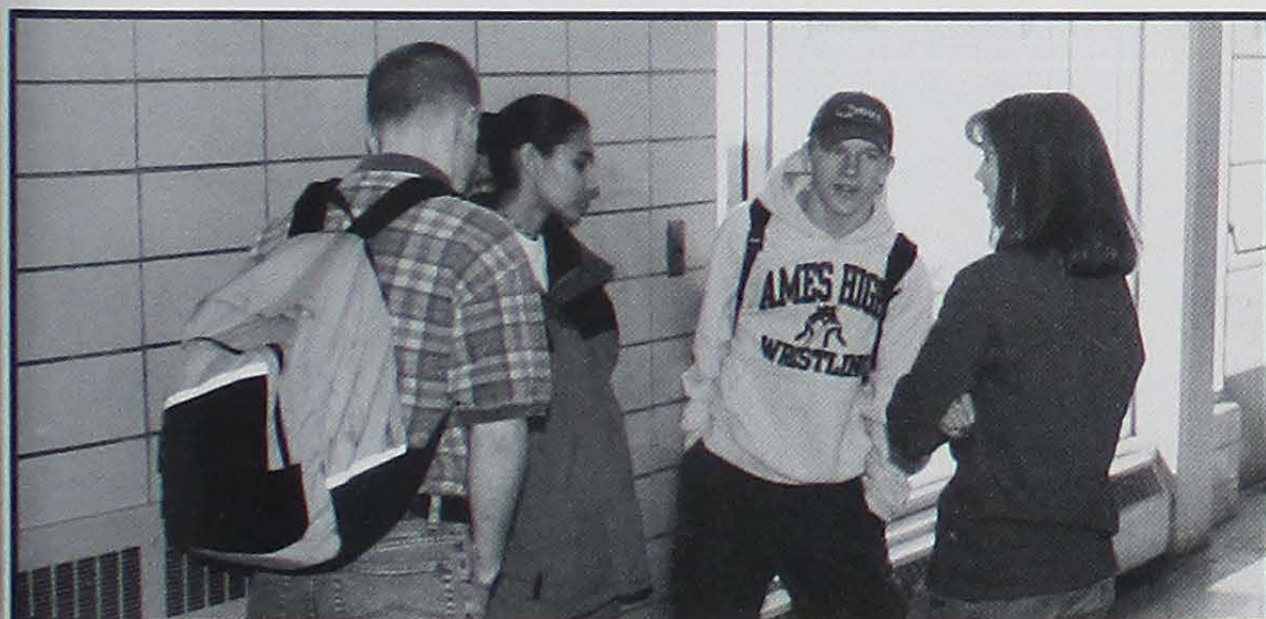
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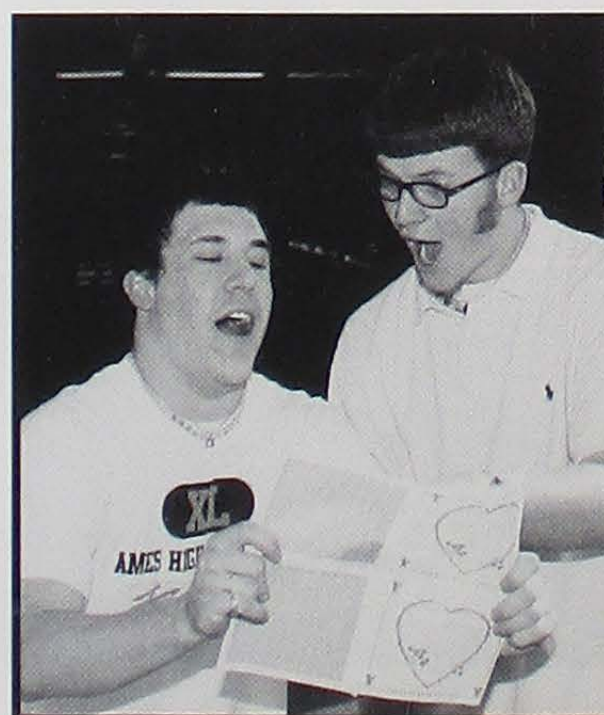
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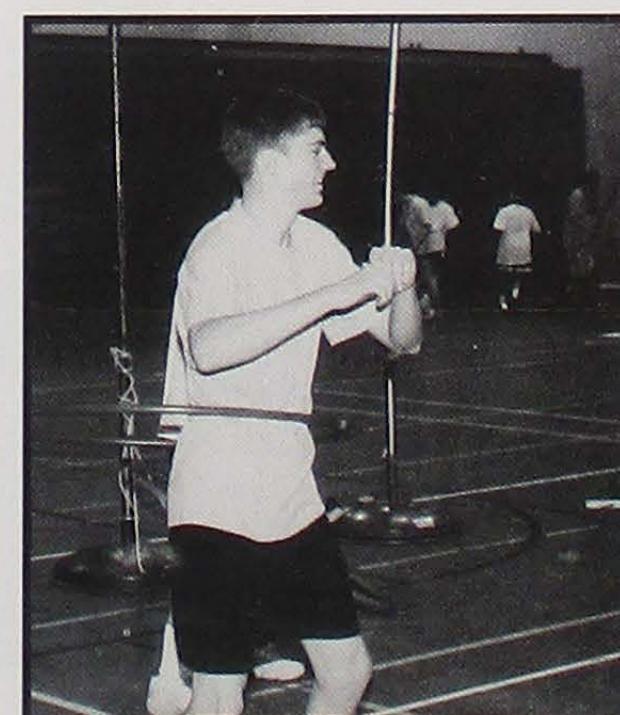


Even though most kids were busy with school work, a big part of school time was used talking to old friends and trying to meet new ones. Juniors **Tom Sellers** and **Mark Poist** try to hit on Seniors **Anilla Persaud** and **Sarah Nutter**. (photo by Houdy Khrosavi).

Seniors **Karsten Blackwelder** and **Beau Biskner** look for dates. (photo by Houdy Khrosavi)



Sophomore **Brandon Crase** shows off his hula-hoop skills in PE. (photo by Houdy Khrosavi).





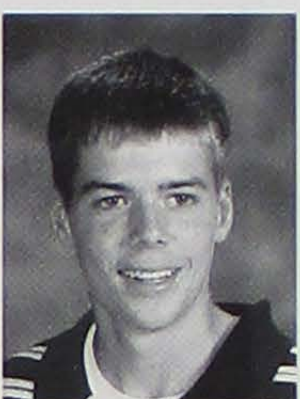
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"I would be tardy to class everyday." Junior **Meghan Ritts**

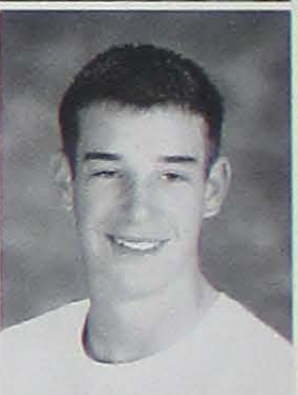
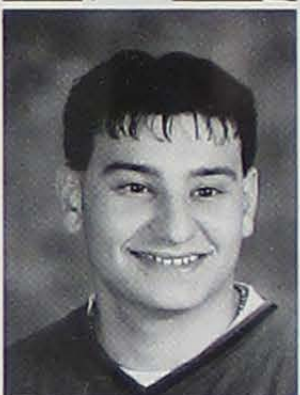
"I could leave the school whenever I wanted, and Lori wouldn't bother me." Junior **Justin Cochran**

"I wouldn't show up to finals and all my teachers would give me an A." Senior **Steven Honeick**

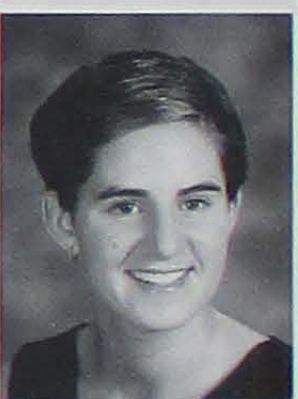
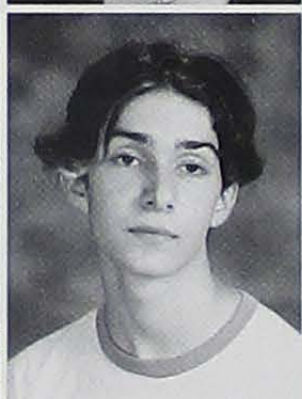
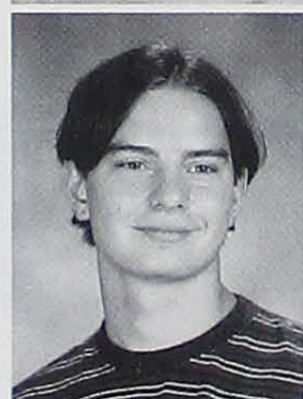
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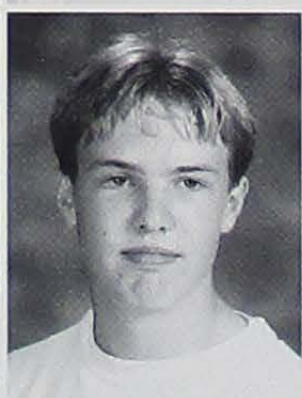
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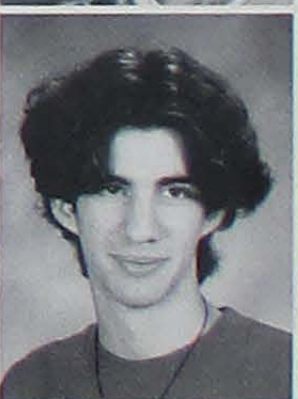
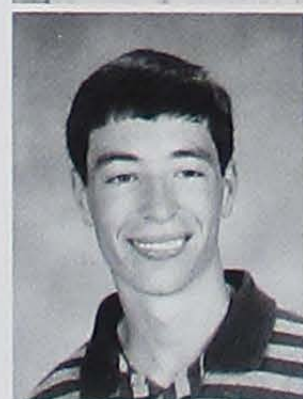
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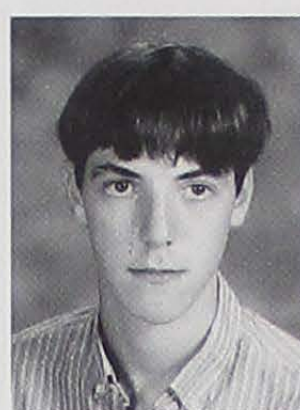
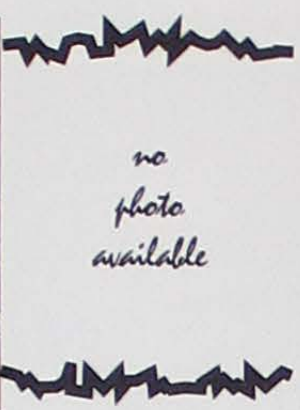






Biology teacher Kirk Schmaltz tries to win a pie eating contest. In the end Mr. Schmaltz lost to Mr. Troeger. (photo by Brian Tenney)

Juniors **Andy Kolher, Mike O'Connell** and **John Holscher** get to ride in a police car. (photo by Amy Chung).



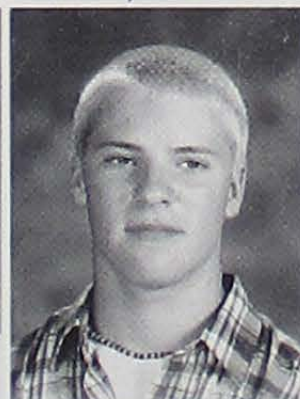
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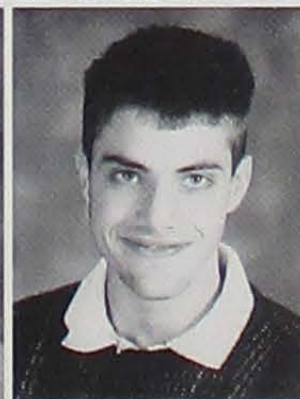
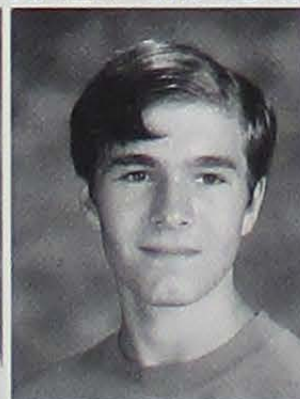
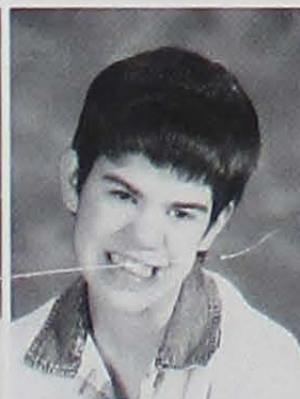
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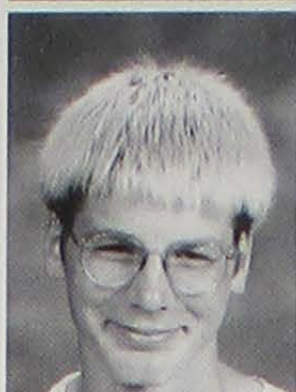
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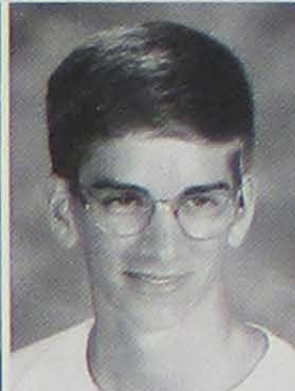
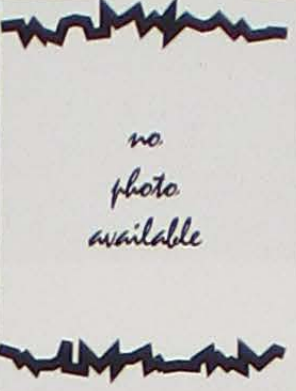
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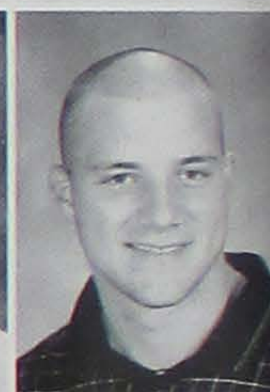
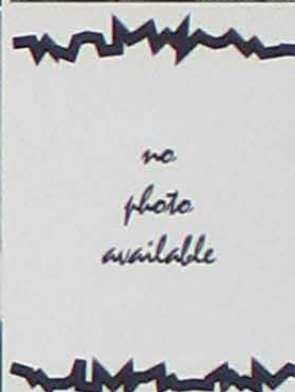
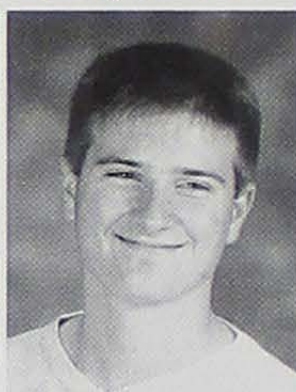
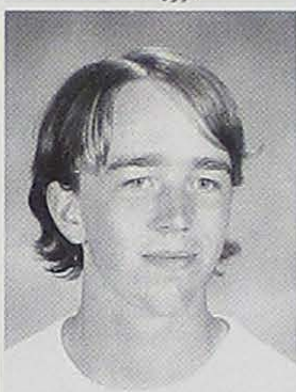
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## Should J-basketball be coed like all other intramural sports?



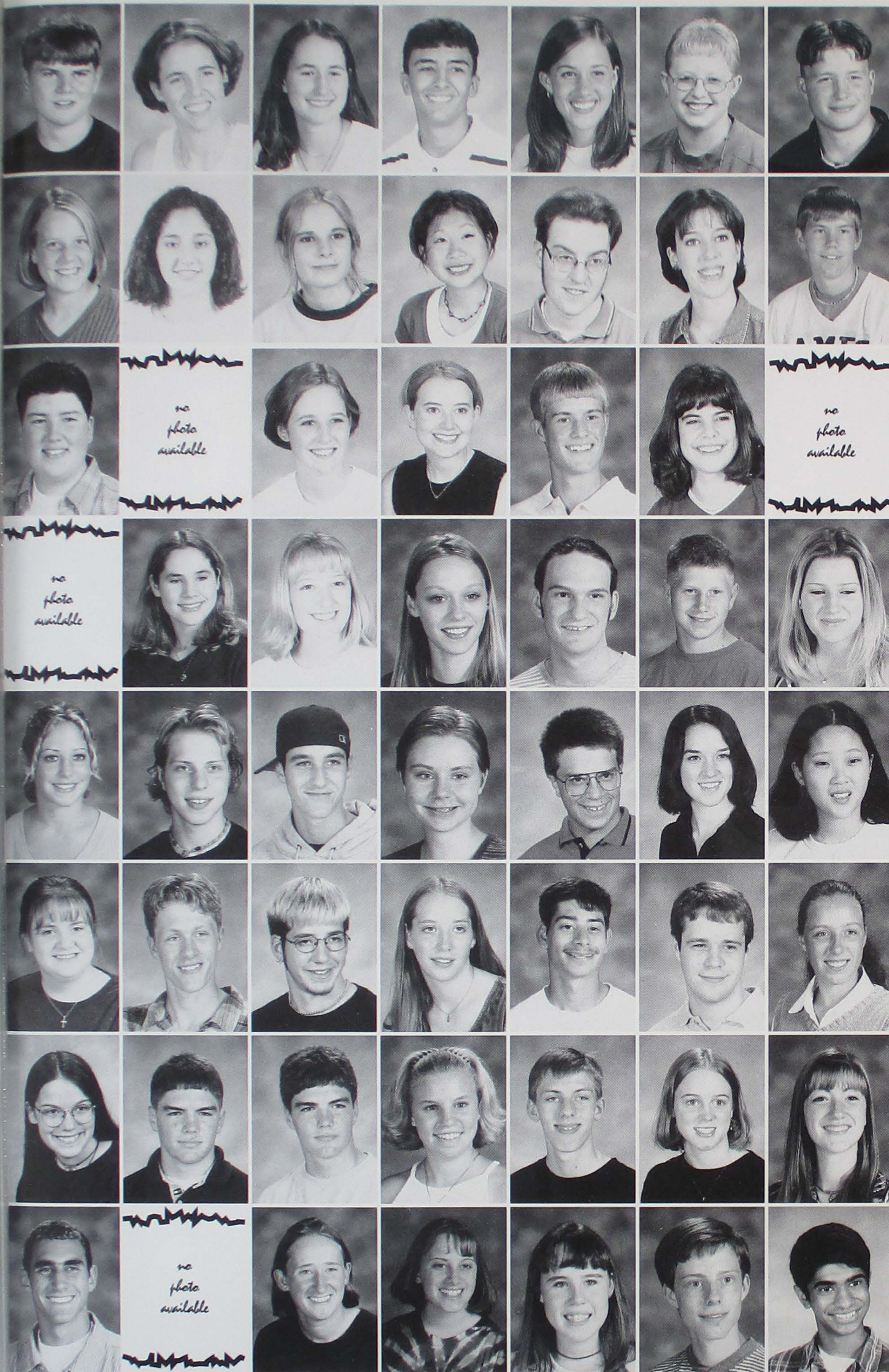
"No, the girls would get mad at the guys for playing so rough." Junior **Patrick Finn**.

"Lets face it, the girls couldn't handle it." Senior **Troy Devens**.

"Why not, we can play as good as the guys." Senior **Megan Popelka**.

"It would be fun, except the guys would probably cheat to win." Senior **Megan Sweeney**.





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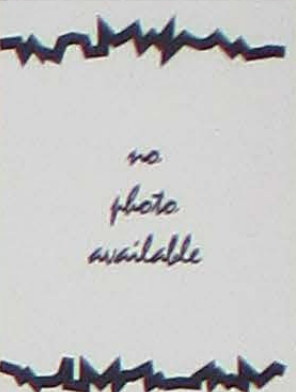
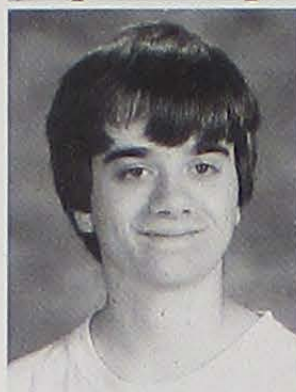
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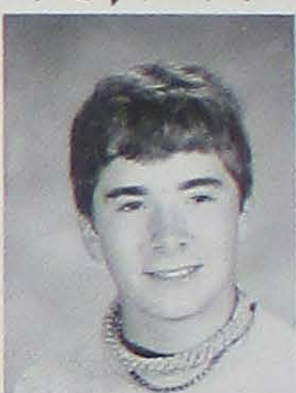
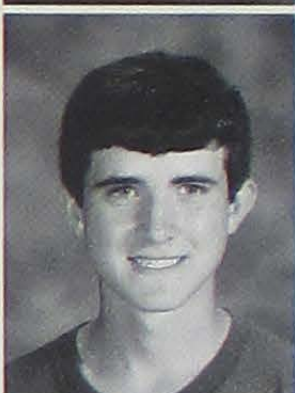
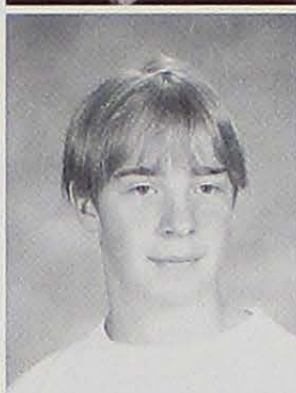
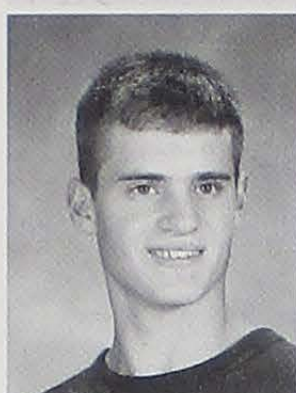
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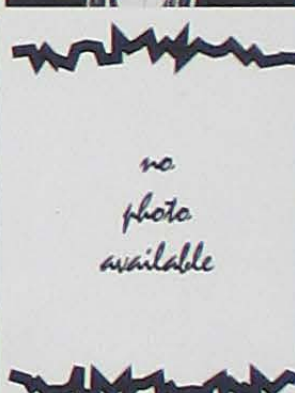
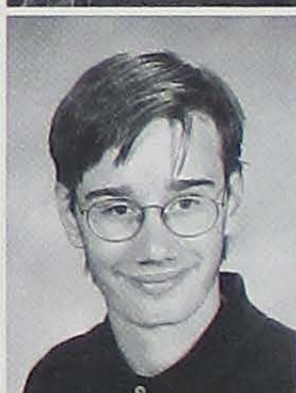
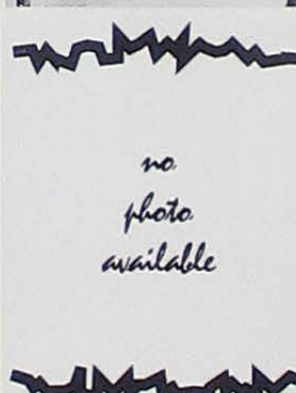
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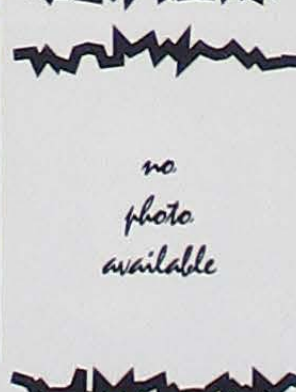
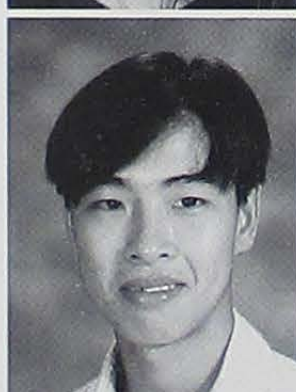
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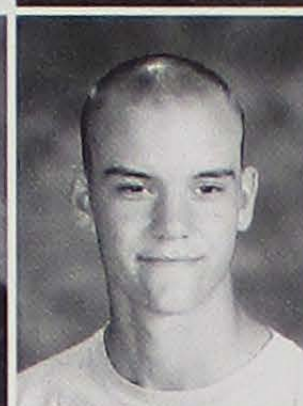




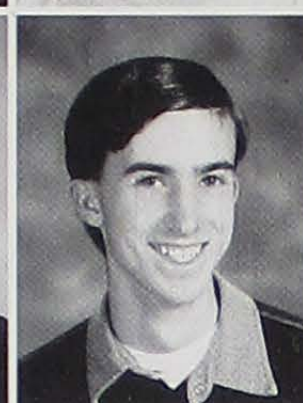
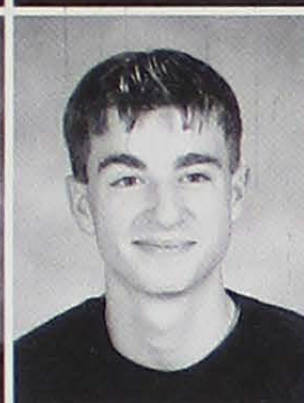
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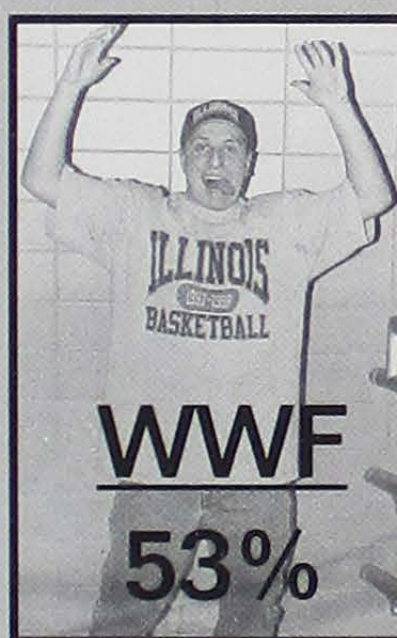
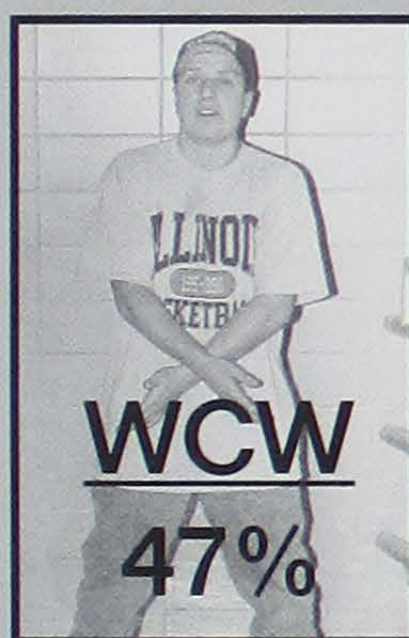


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Senior **Ryan Paul** and junior **Tim Hibbing** perform the moves that made wrestling famous. The *Stone Cold Stunner* (above) and the *Razor's Edge* (below). (photos by Houdy Khosravi)

## WCW vs WWF



### Which one is better?

"WCW, because it's a palindrome, like racecar."

- Senior **Erik Distler**

"I grew up with WWF, and I'm gonna die with WWF!"

- Senior **Nathaniel Ginder**

"WCW, because it has the Wolfpack, and K-Dogg's the bomb."

-Junior **Brandon Bogue**

"WWF, because I like the *Shattered Dreams*."

-Junior **Stephen Goldman**

"WWF is better because that's the bottom line, and Norris said so!"

-Sophomore **Chris Norris**

"WWF, because Stone Cold is my hero."

-Sophomore **Megan Maher**

"WWF, because they have better guys than WCW."

-Freshman **Daniel Habhab**





once again the spirit '99 staff has created a new tradition for the yearbook. for the first time in the history of ames high the senior mug-shots are in full color! but wait, it gets better! following the senior mugshots there are five full pages of senior candids, two of which are in full color. we hope that you appreciate this addition to your yearbook and will cherish it for years to come.

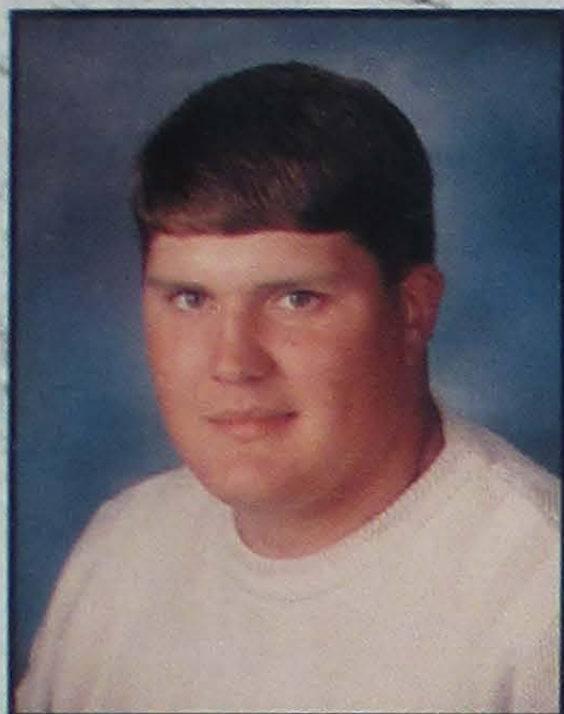
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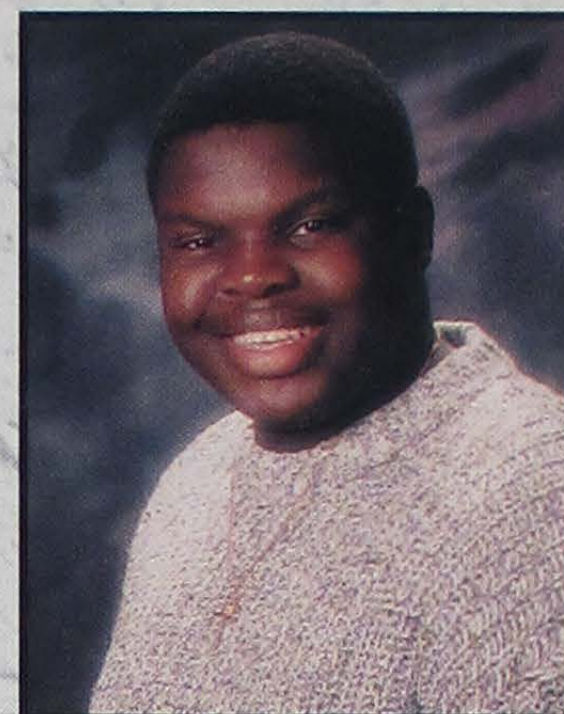
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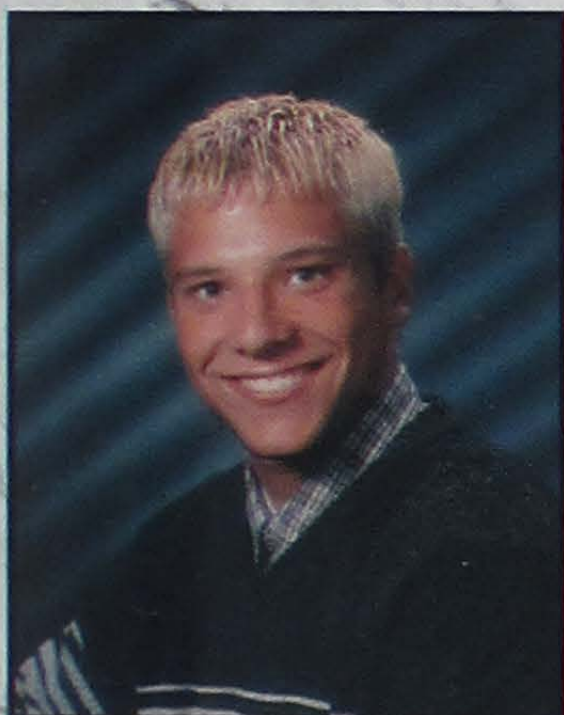
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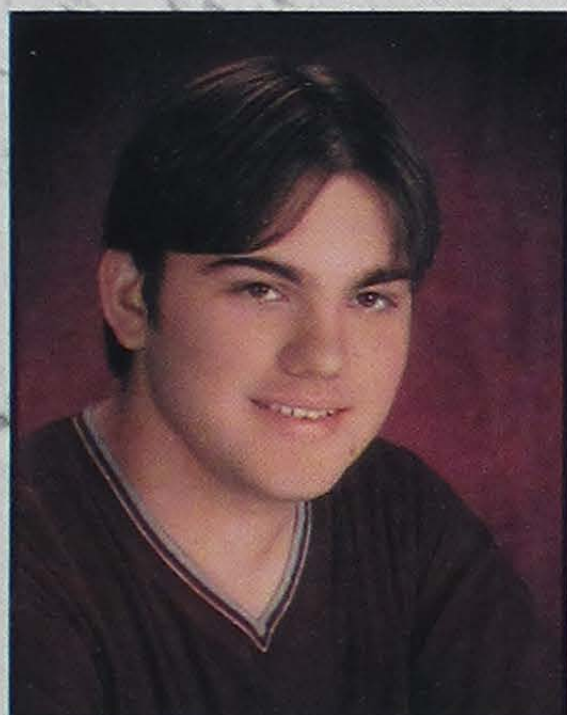
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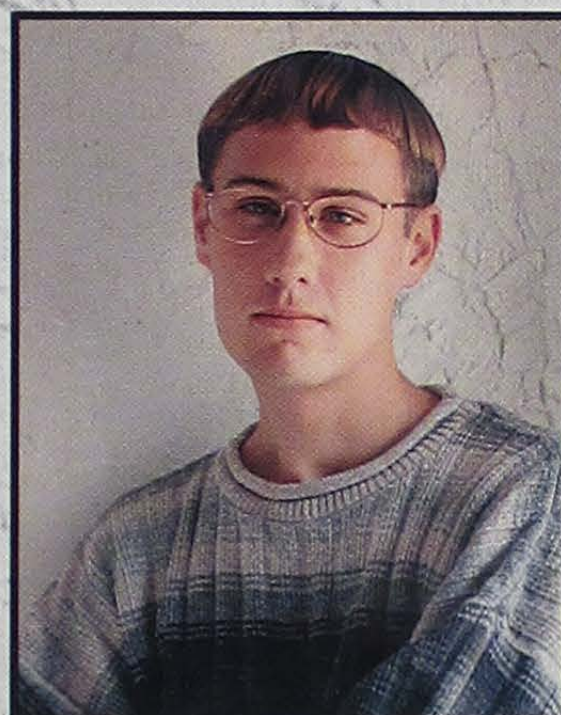
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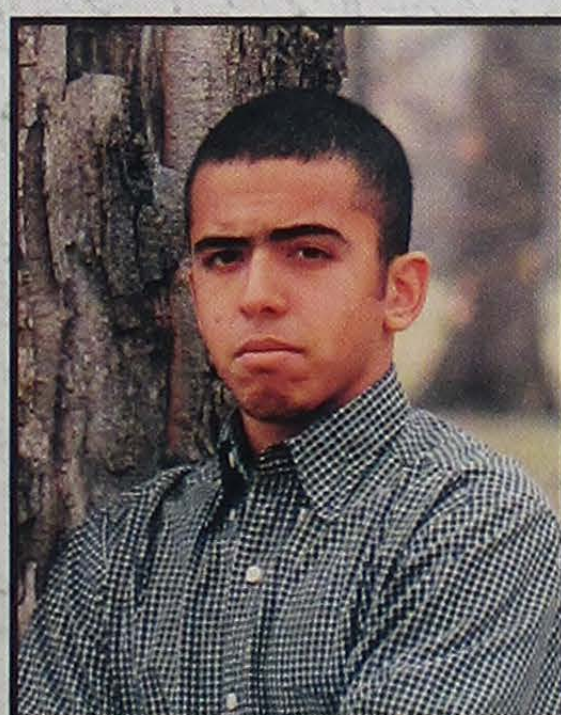
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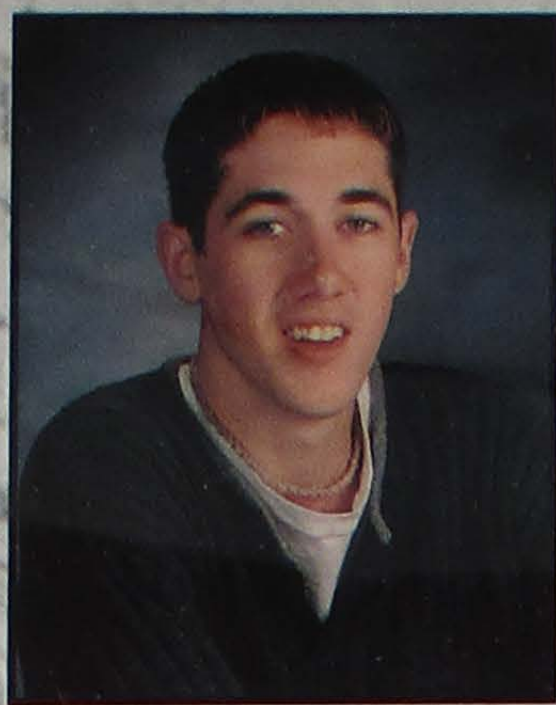


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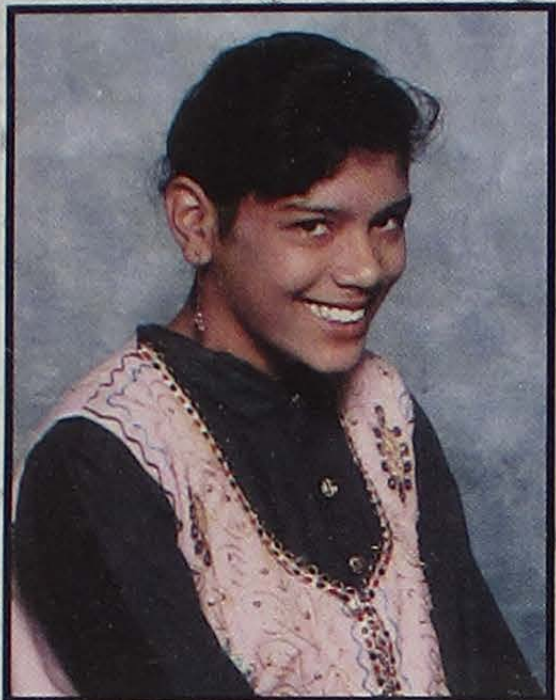
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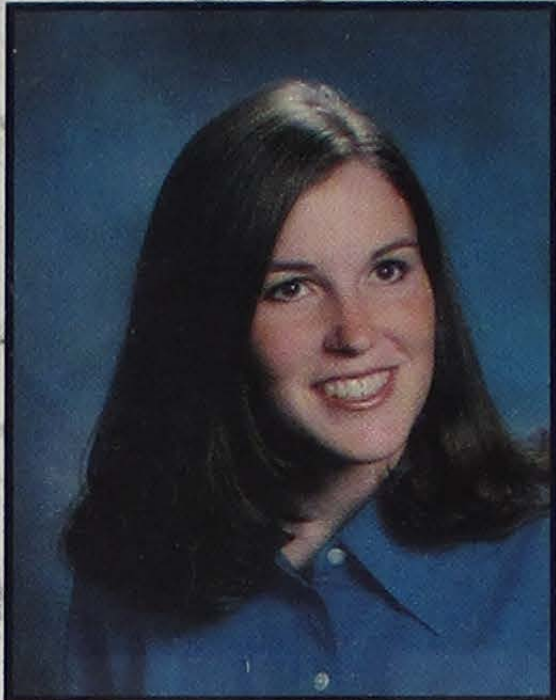
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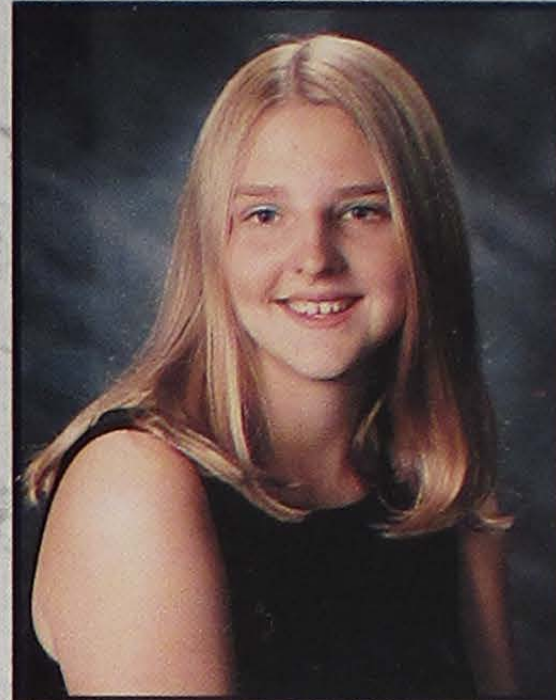
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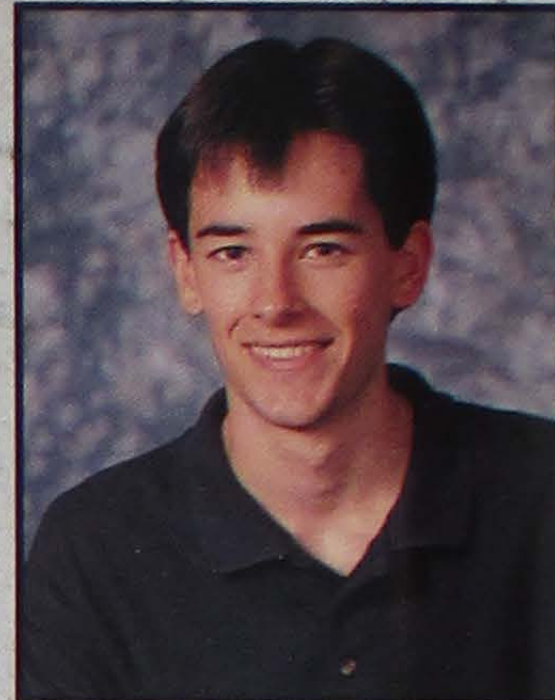
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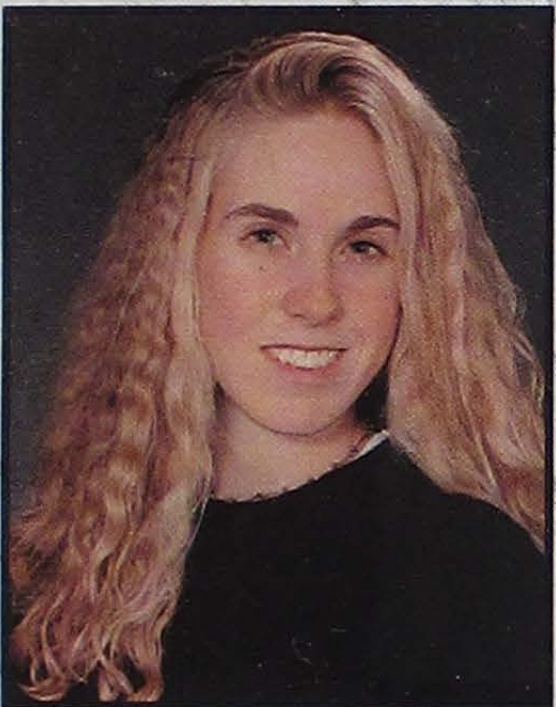
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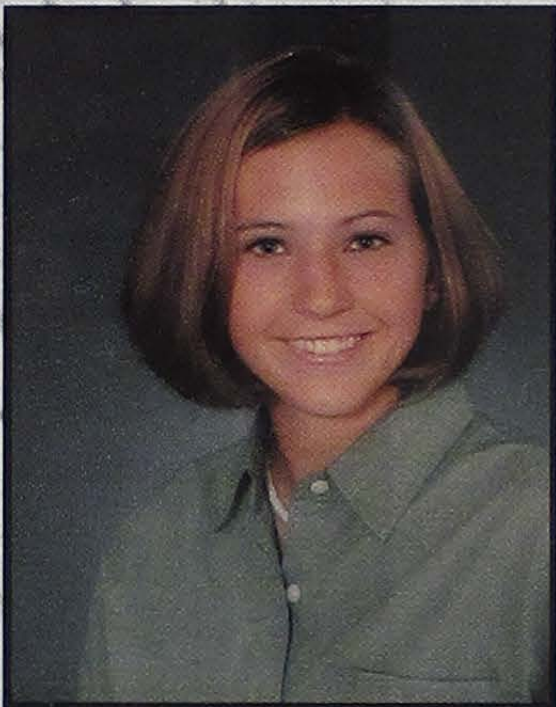
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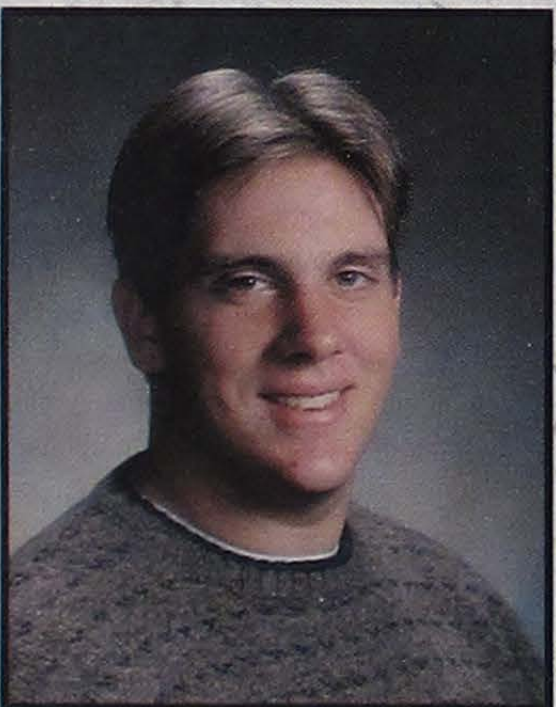
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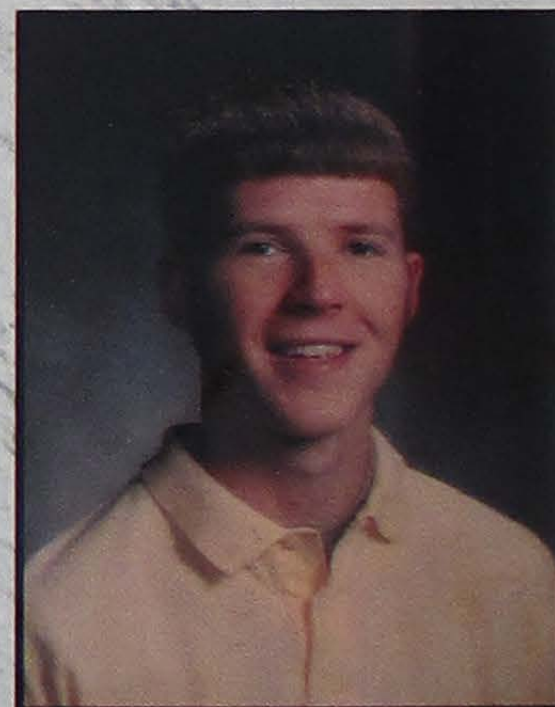
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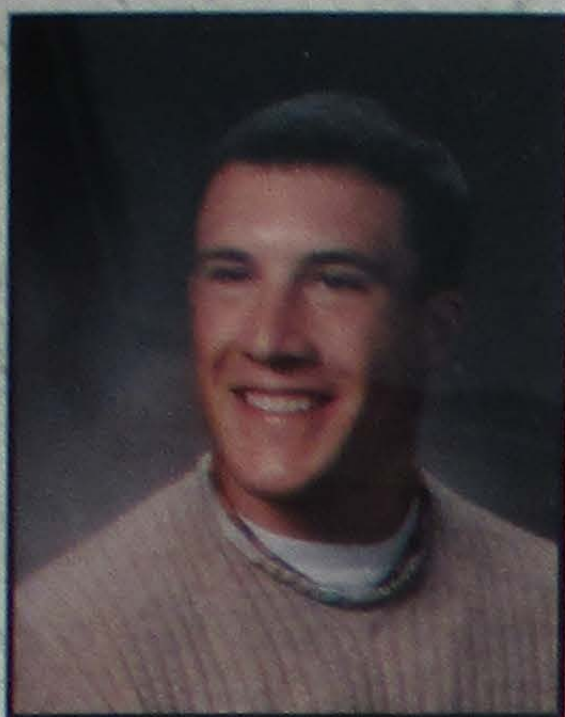


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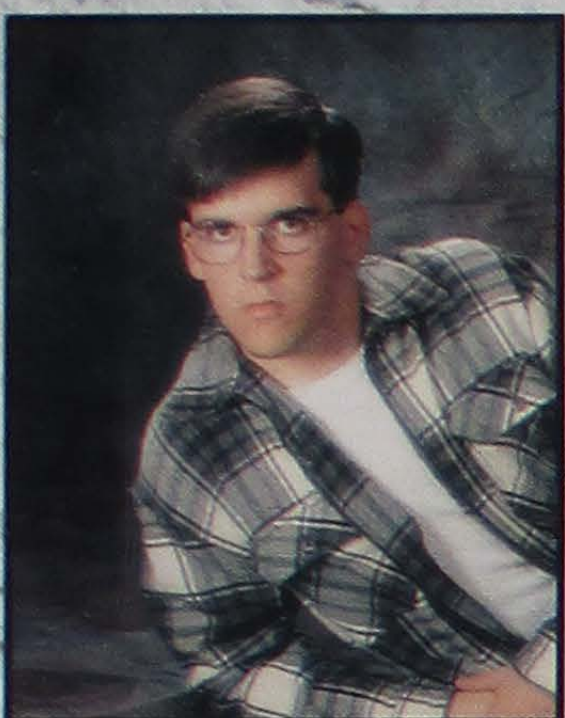
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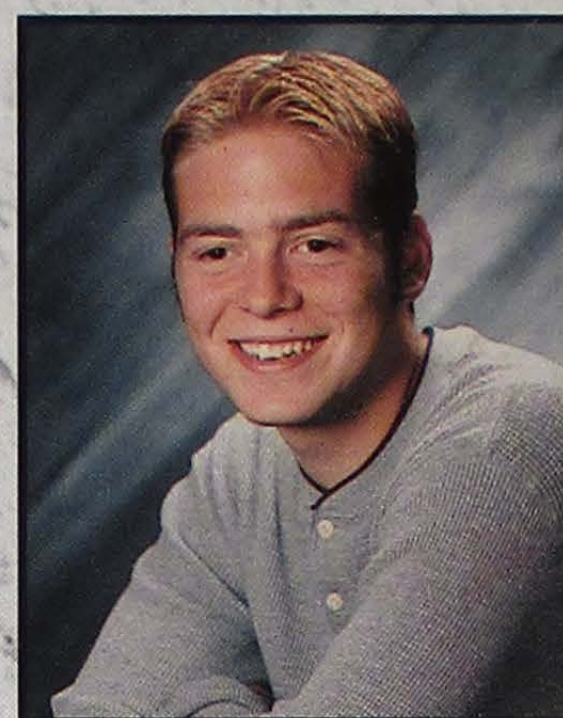
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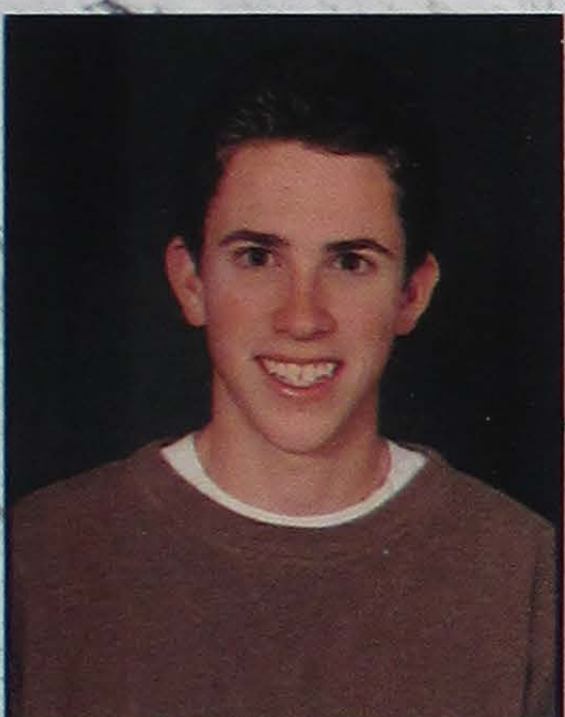
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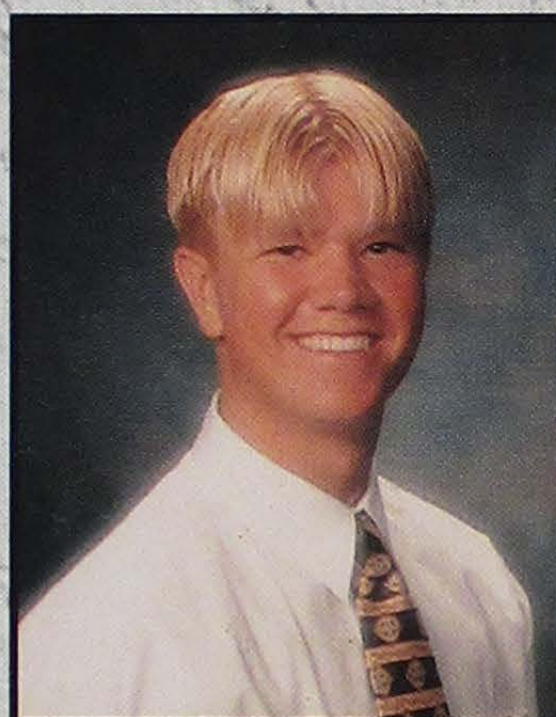
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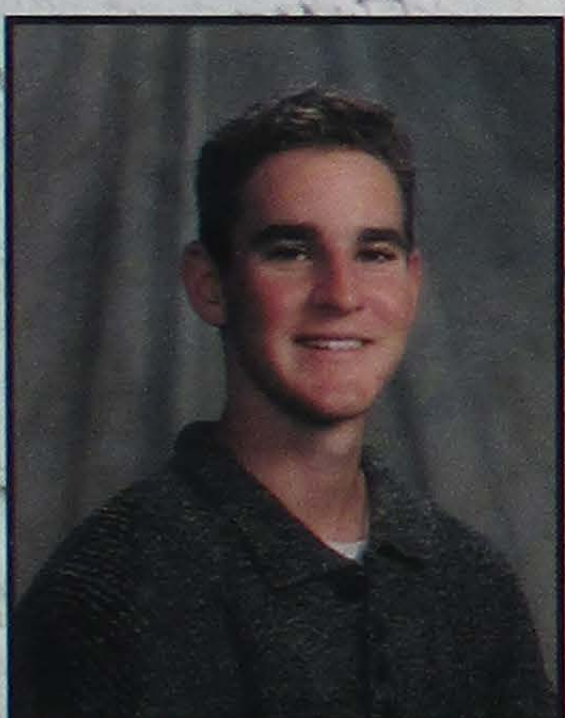
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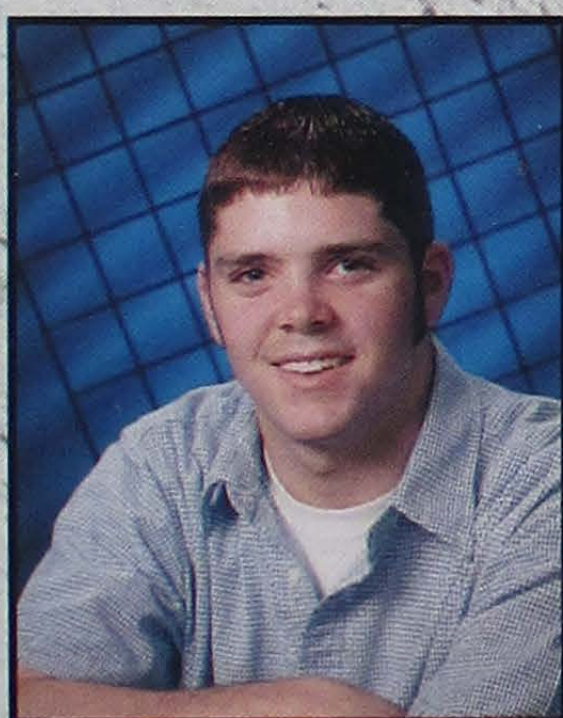
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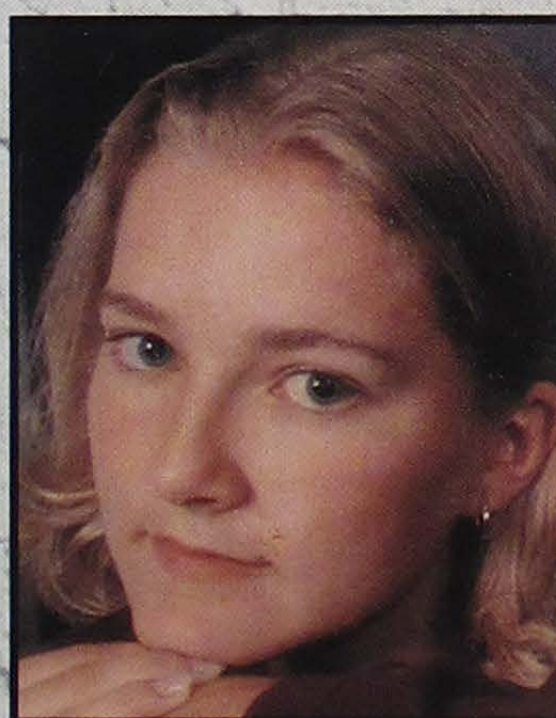
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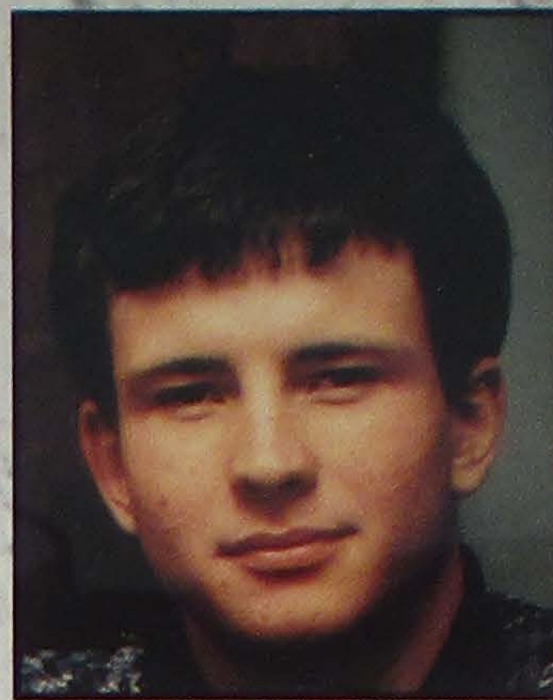




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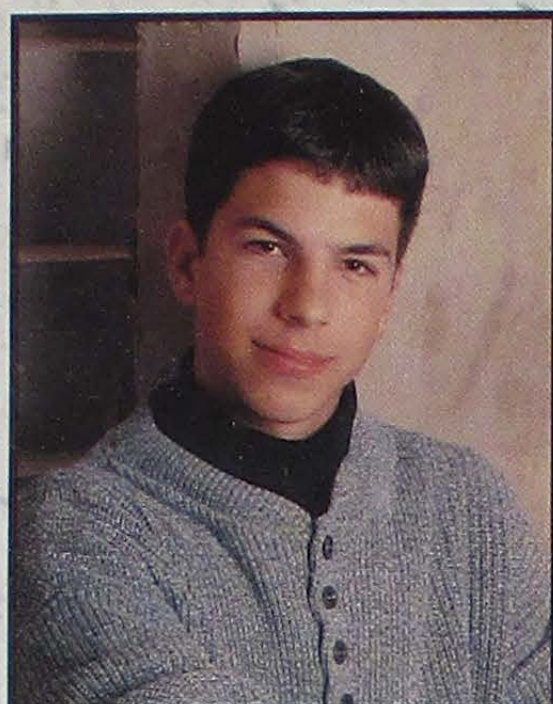
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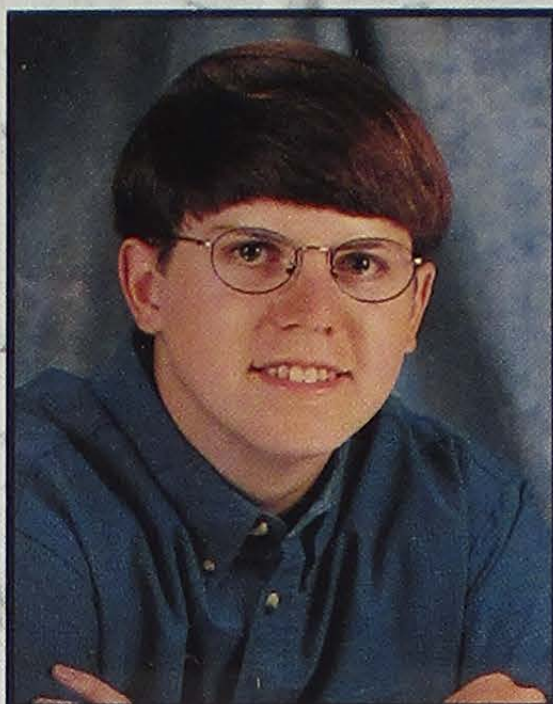
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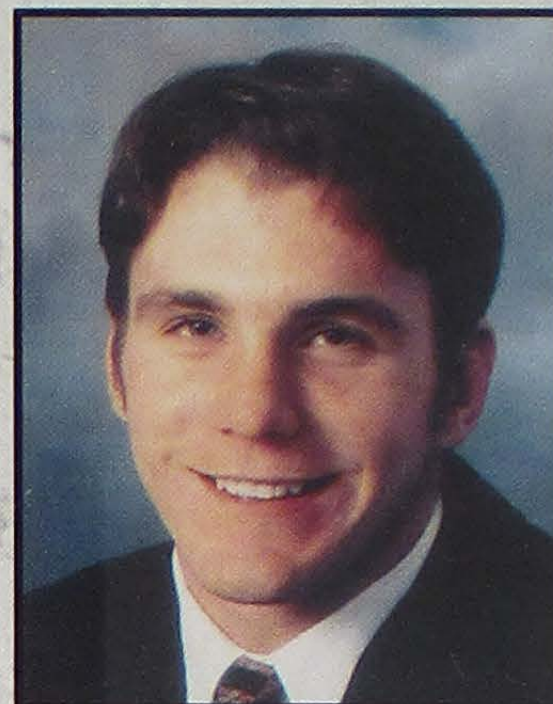
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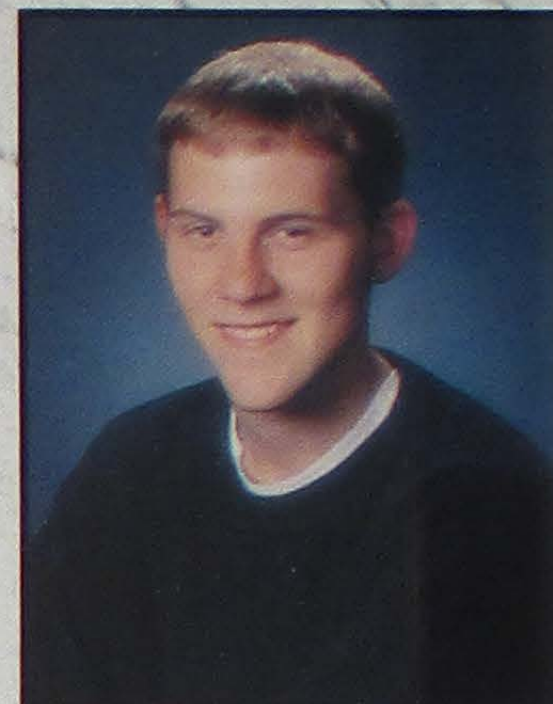
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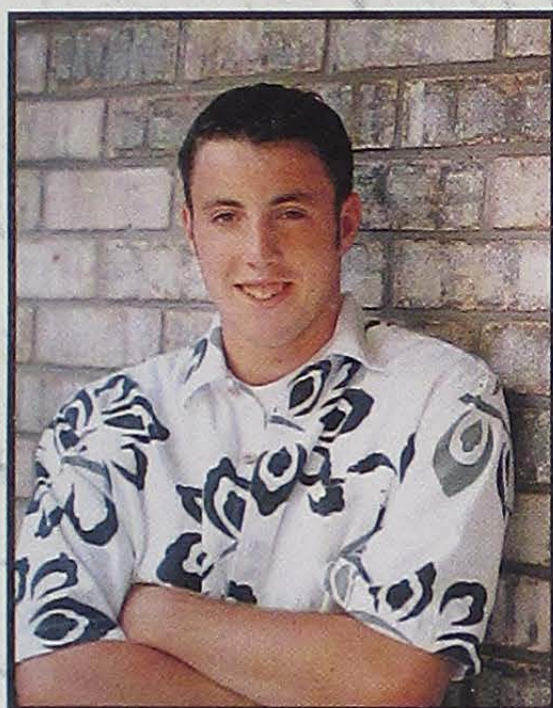
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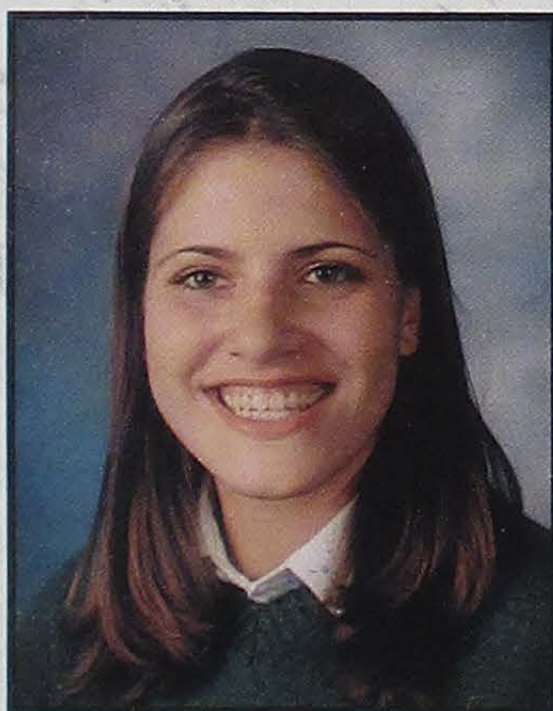
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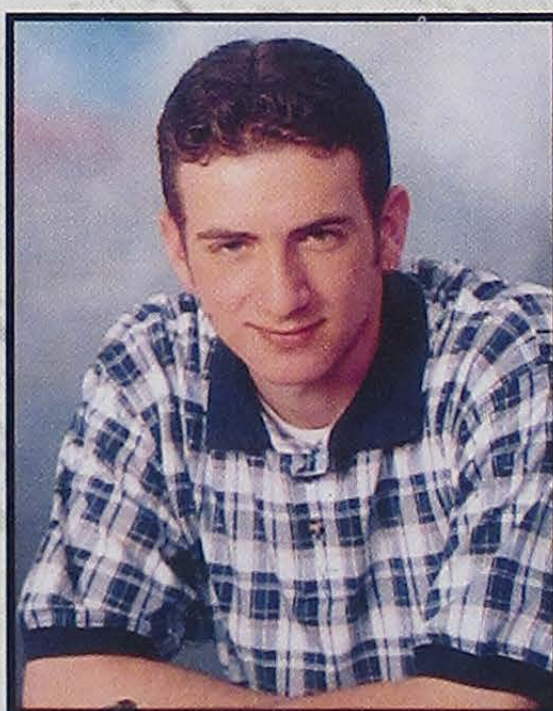
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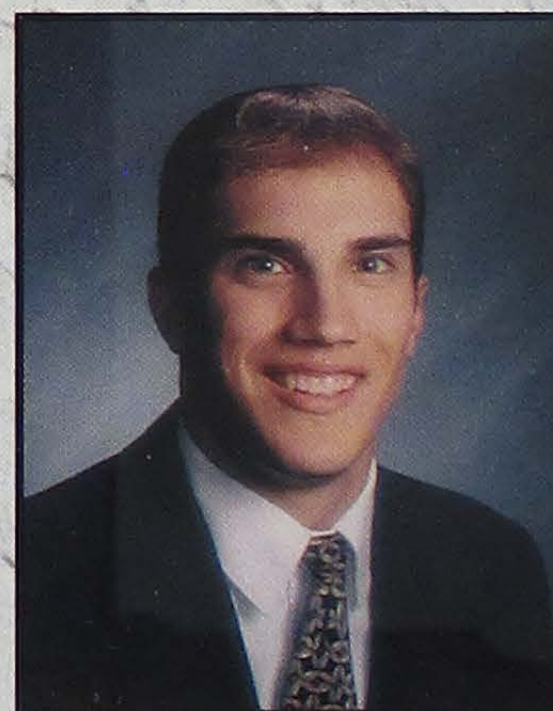
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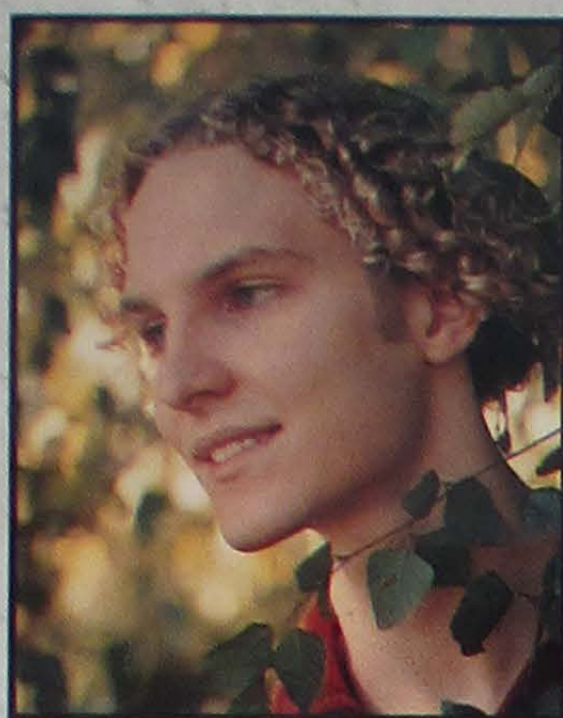


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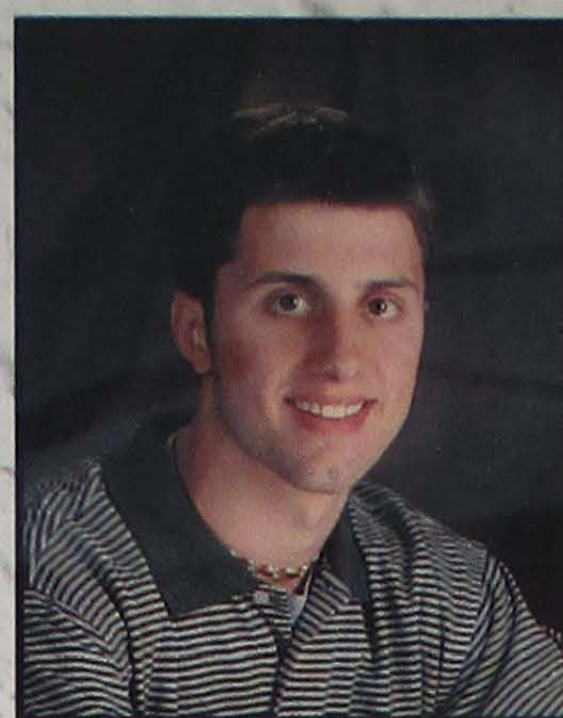
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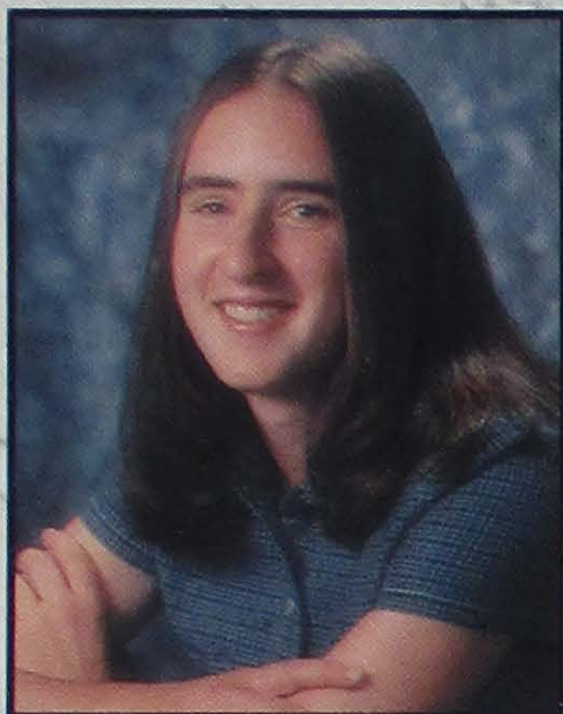
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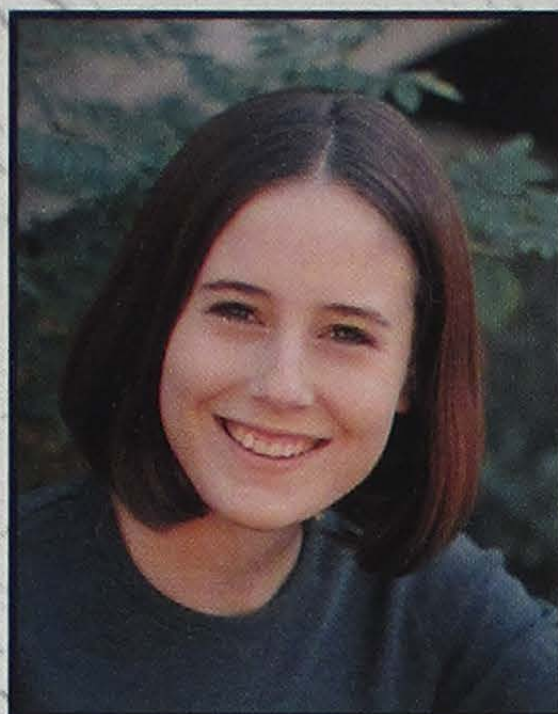
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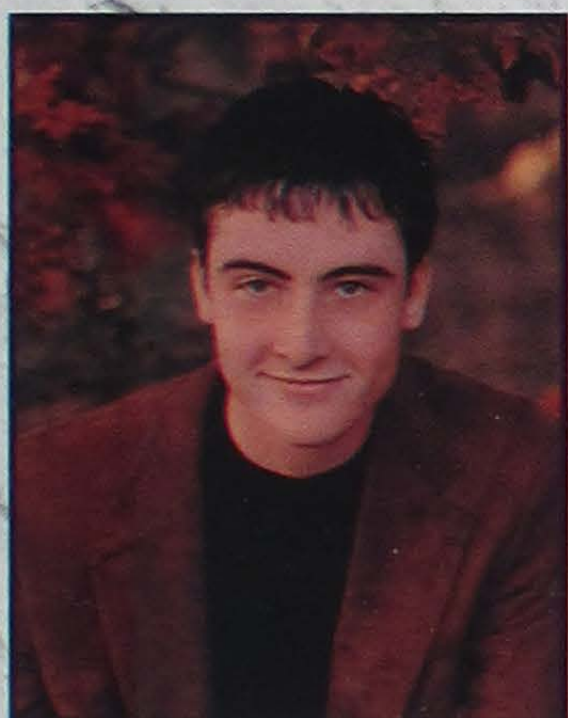
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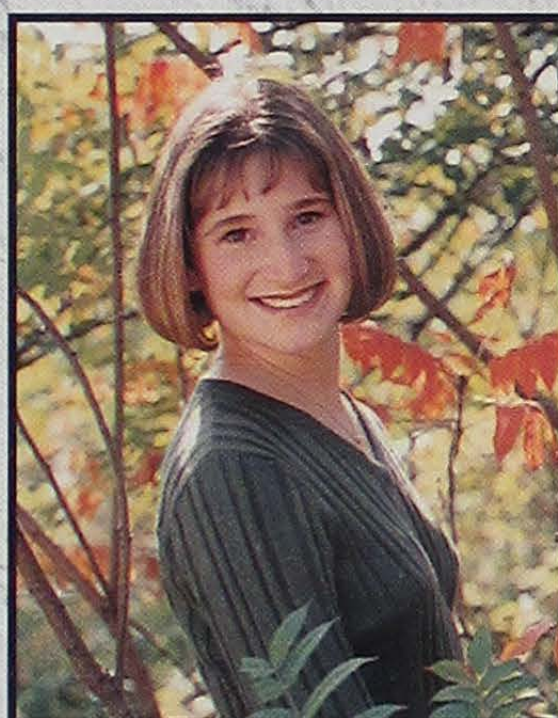
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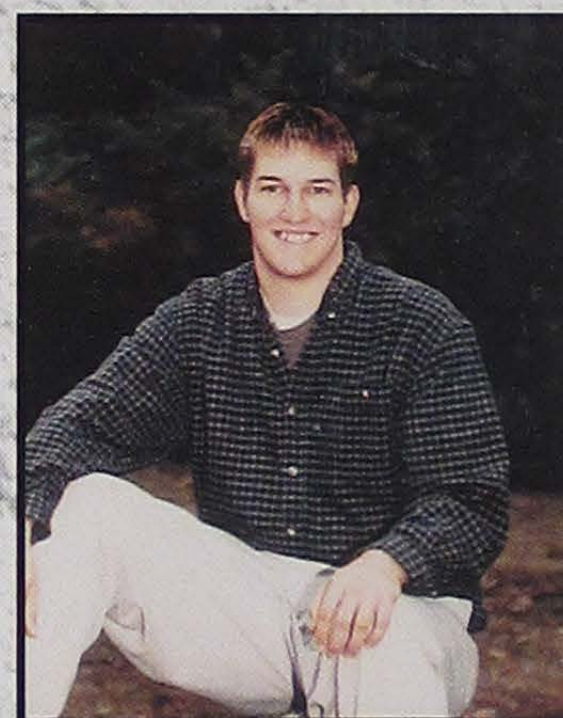
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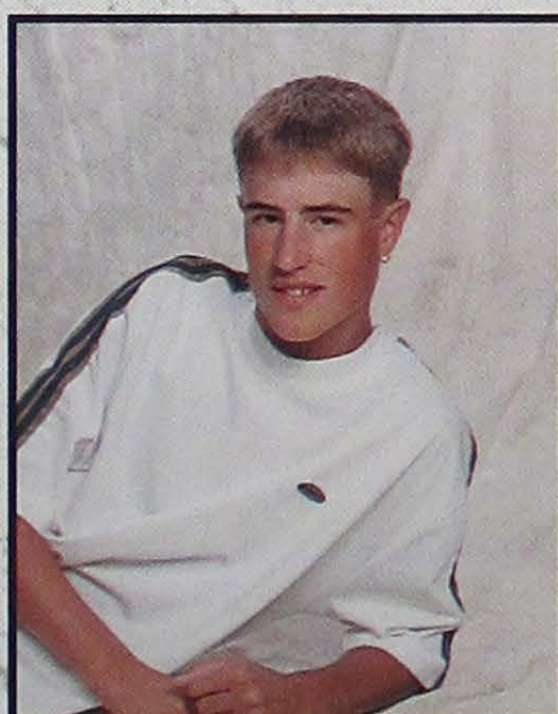
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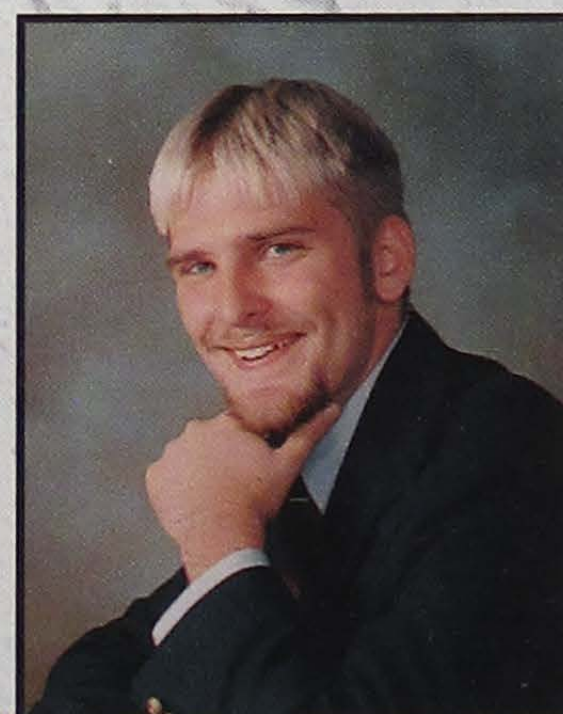
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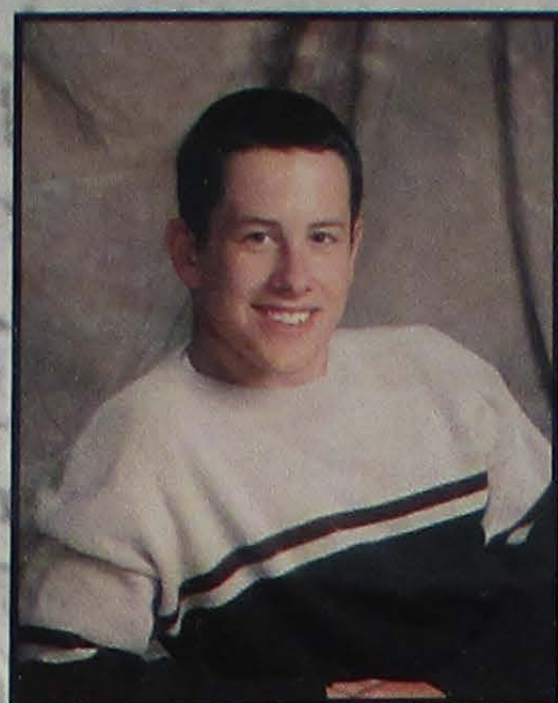


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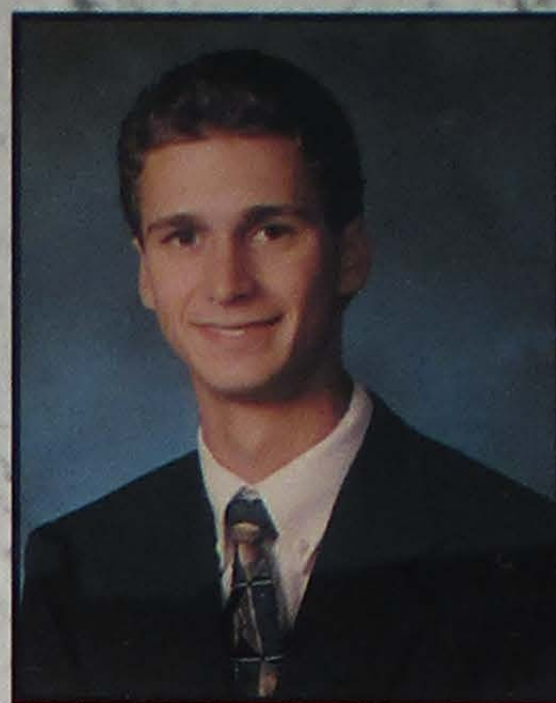




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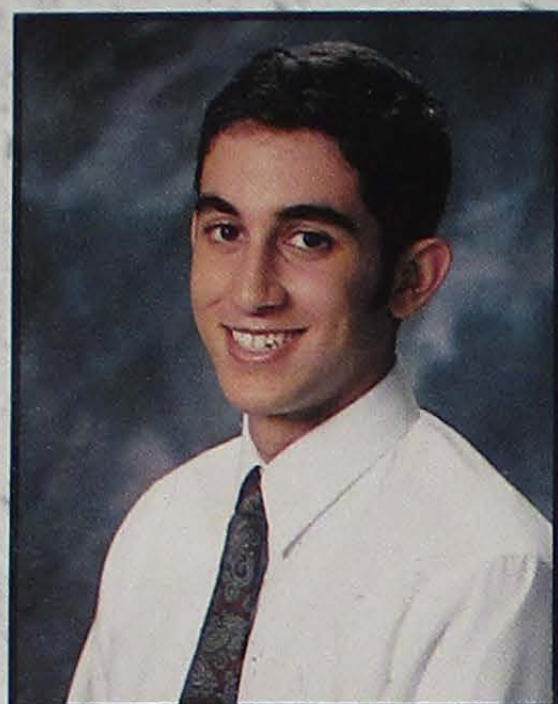
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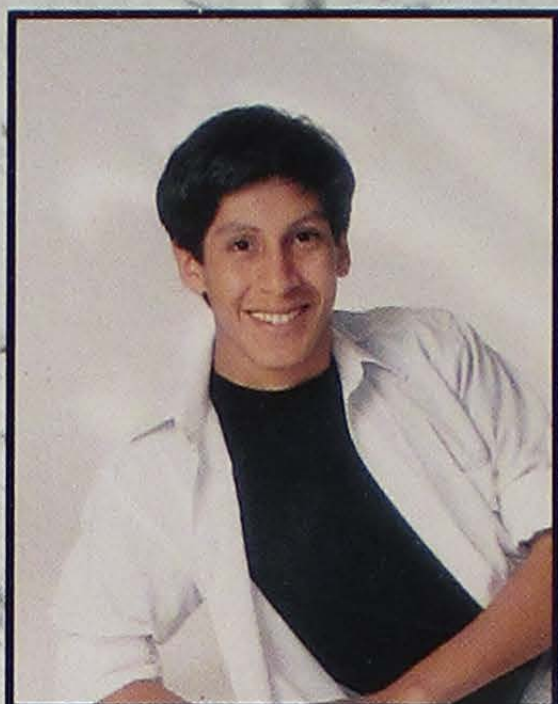
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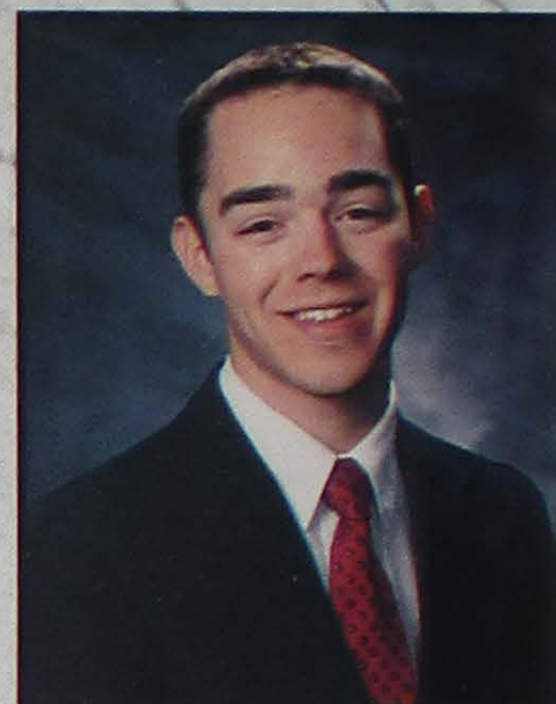
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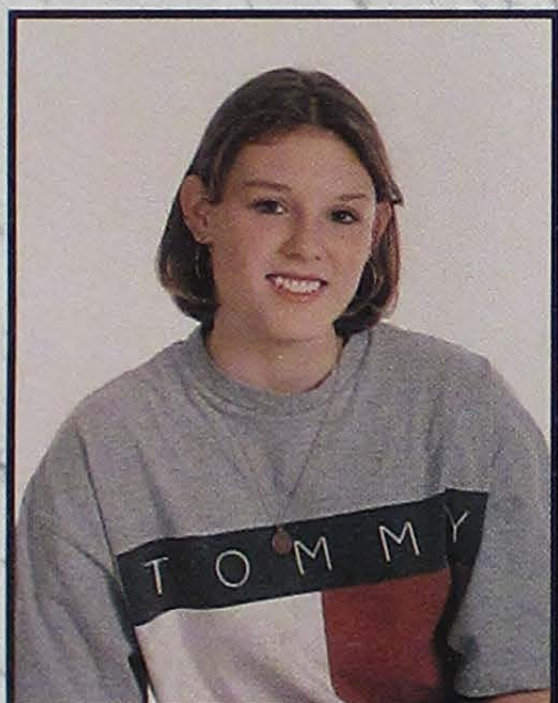
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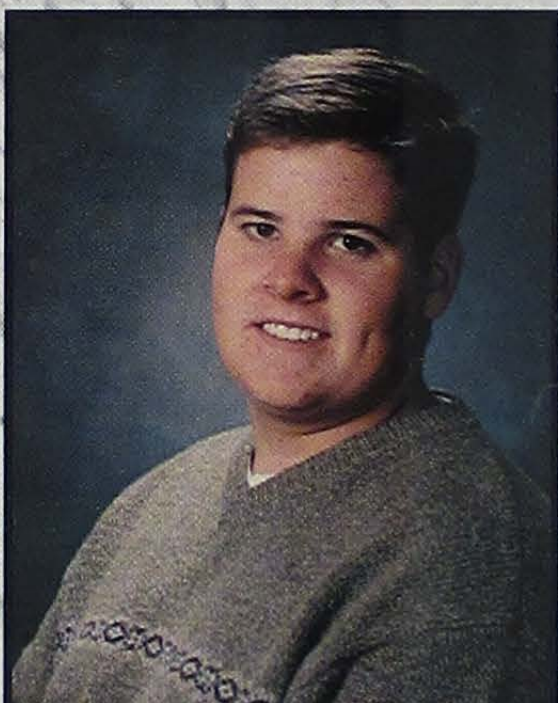
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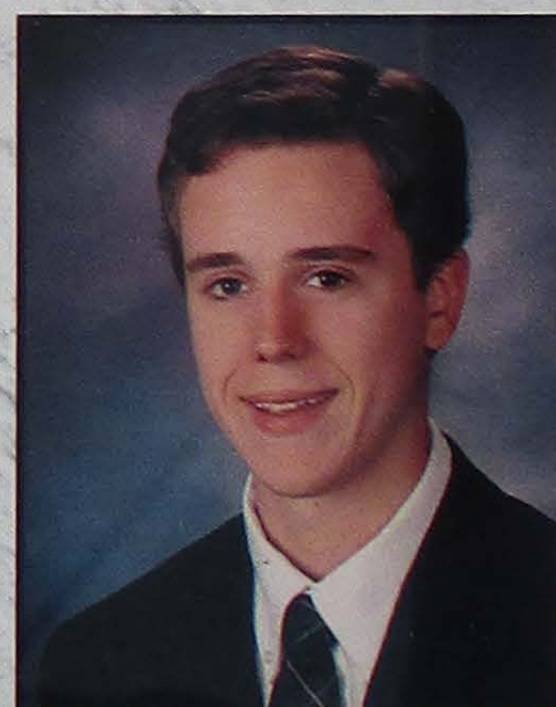
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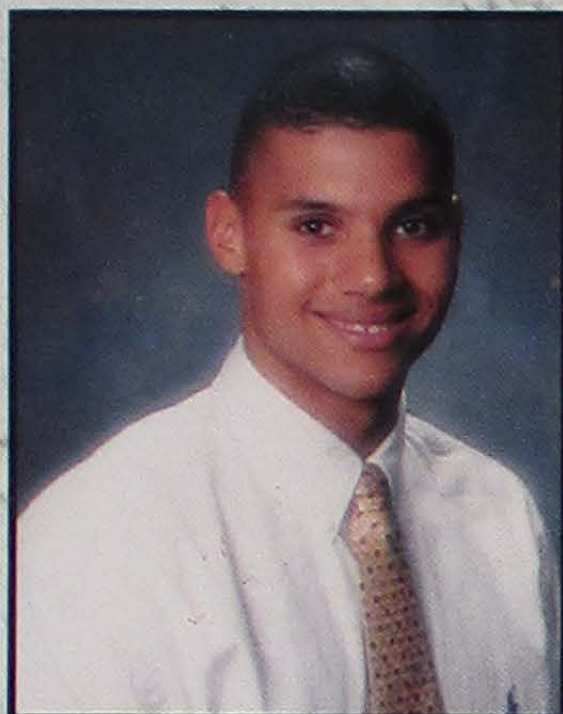
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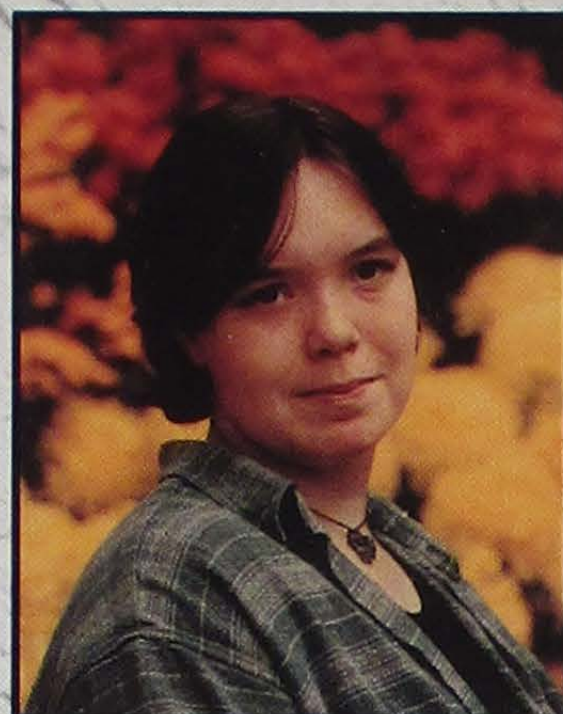
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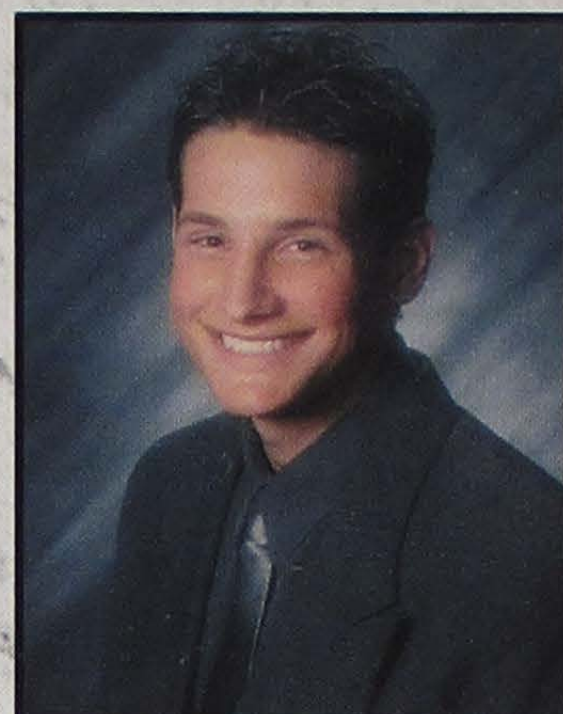
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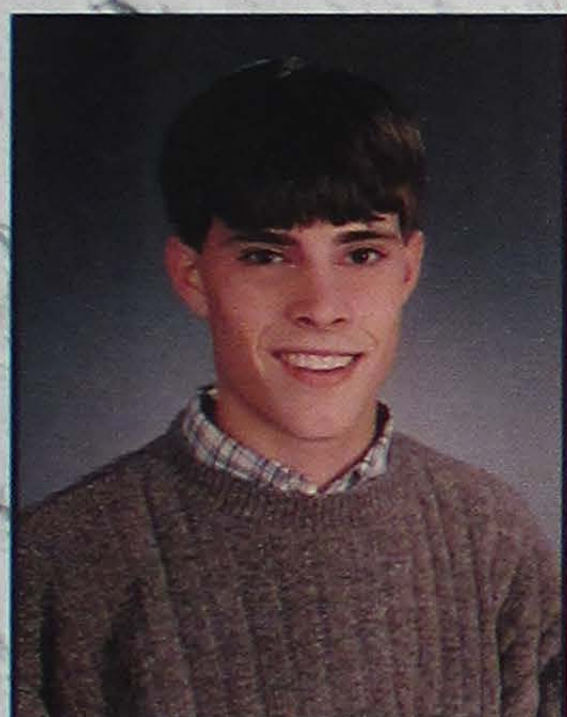
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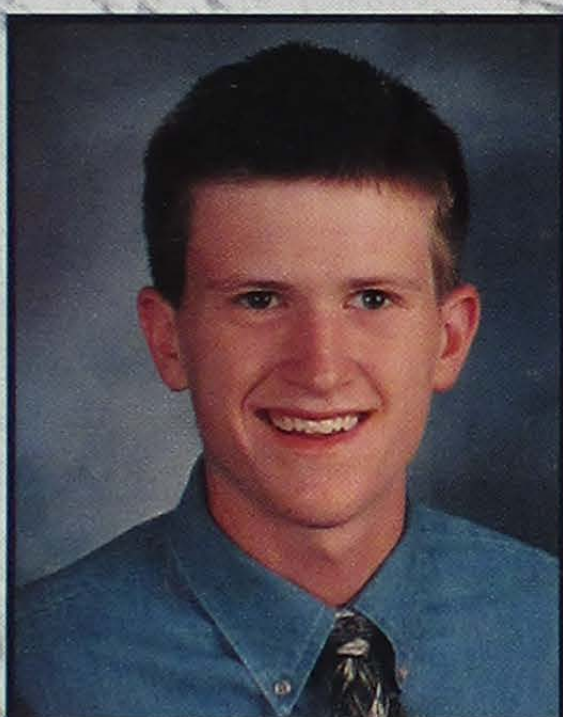
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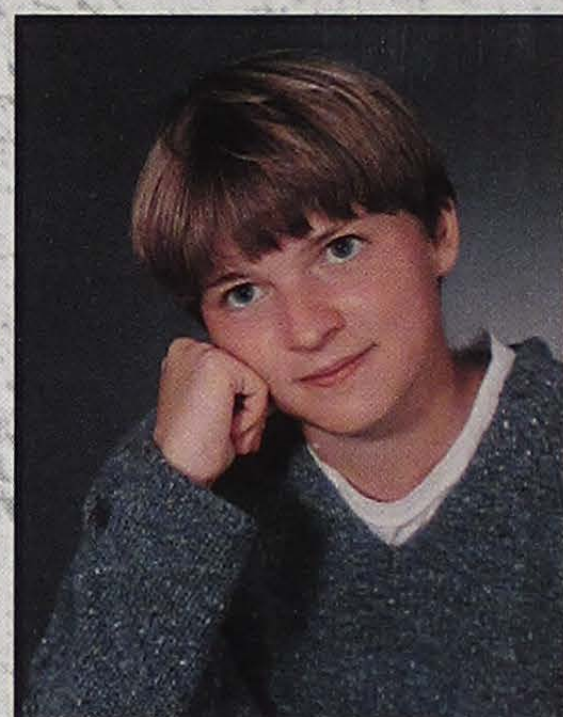
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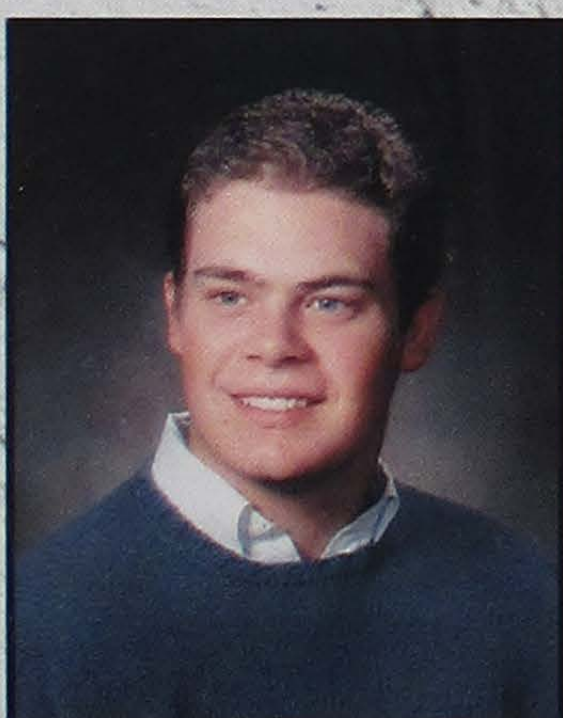
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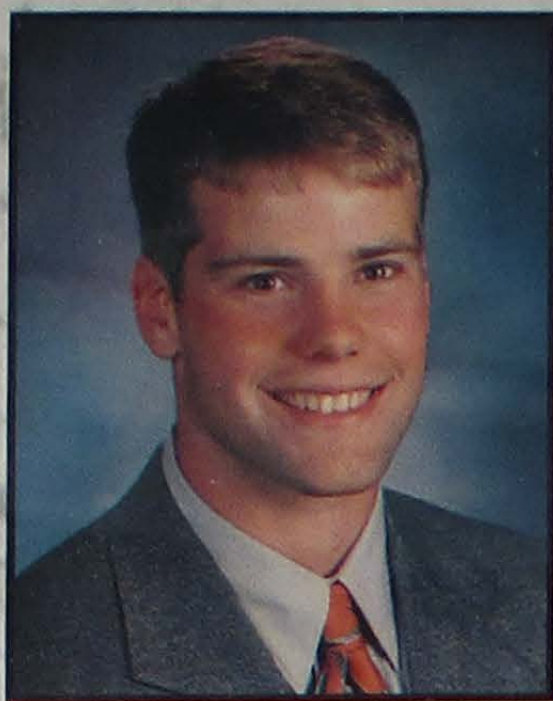


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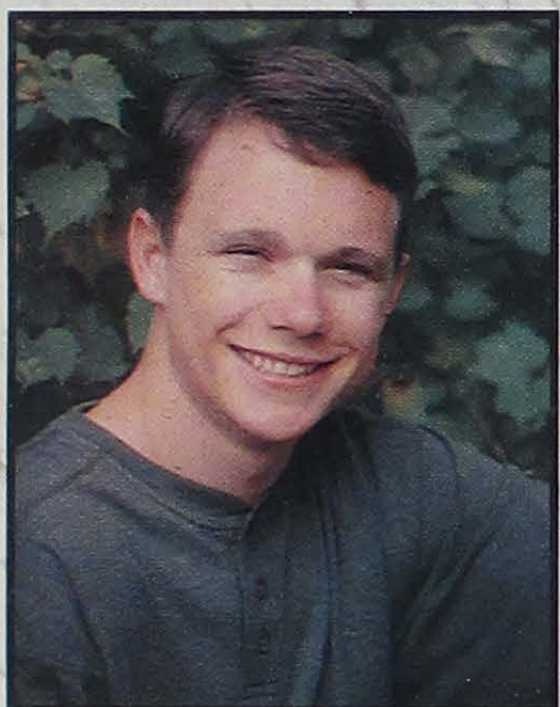
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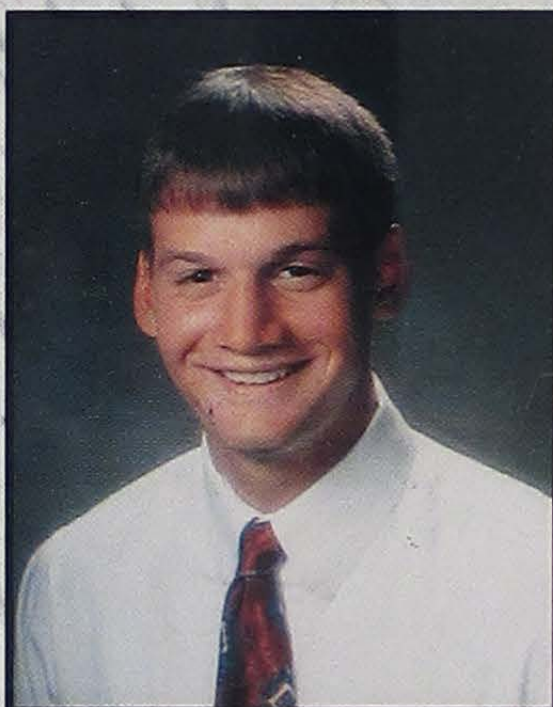
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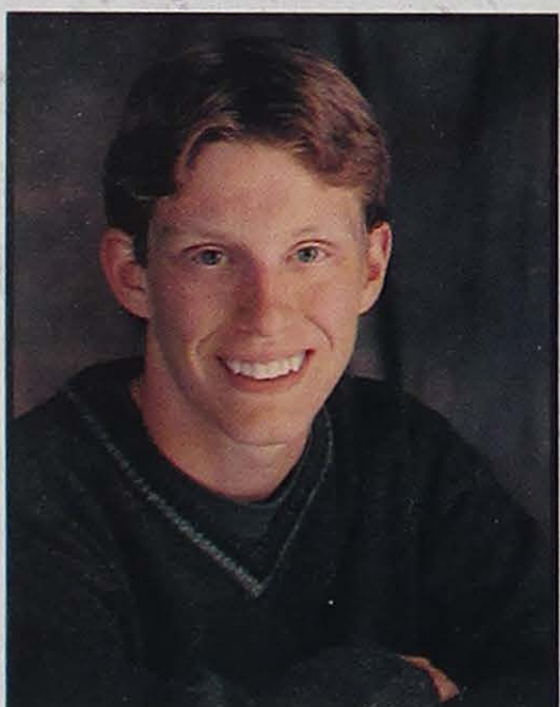
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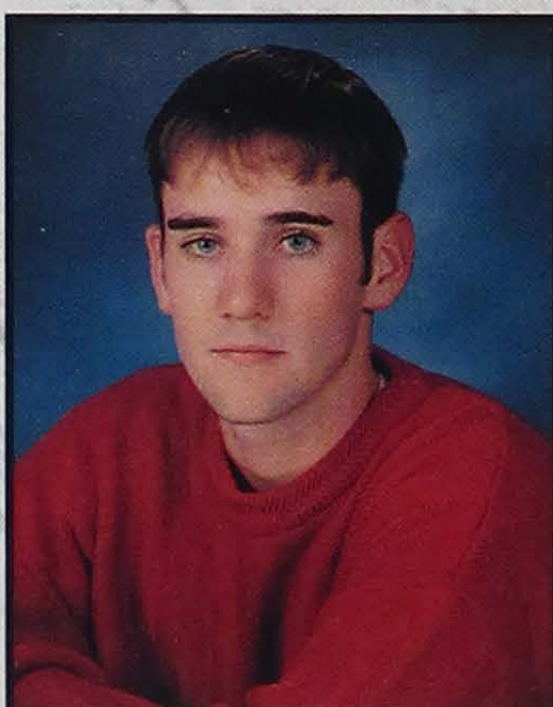
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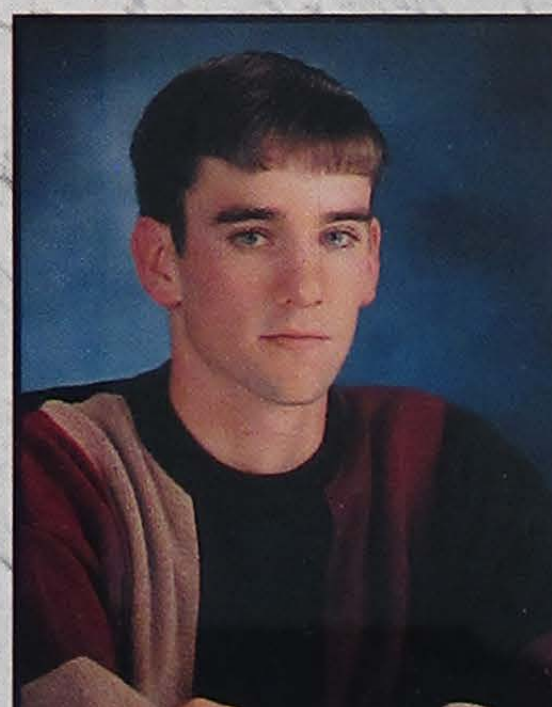
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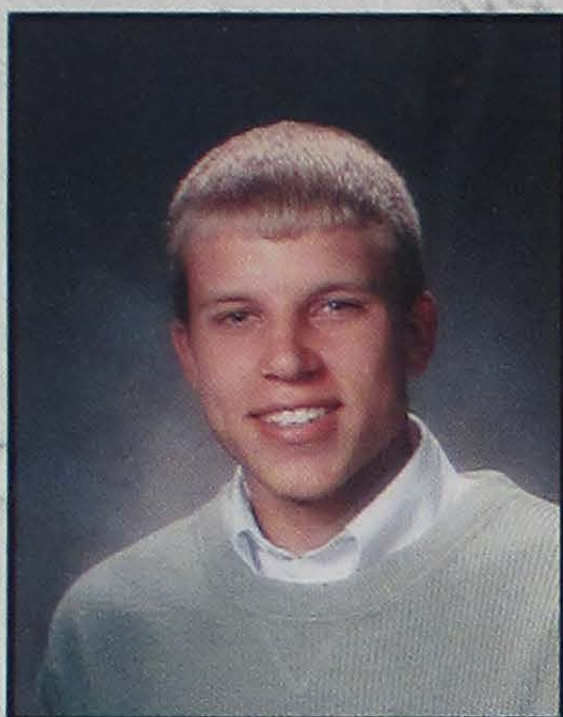
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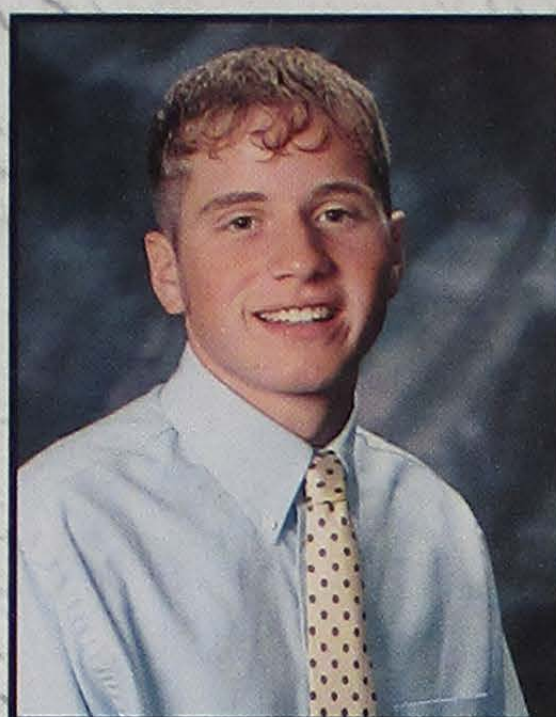
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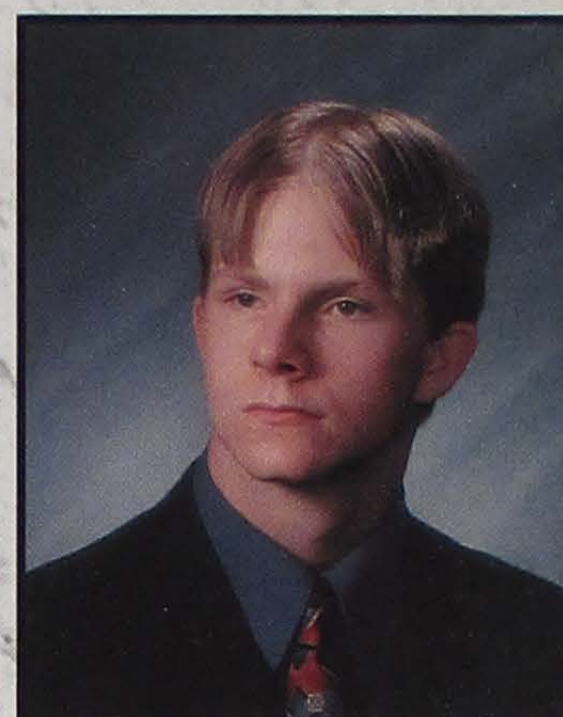
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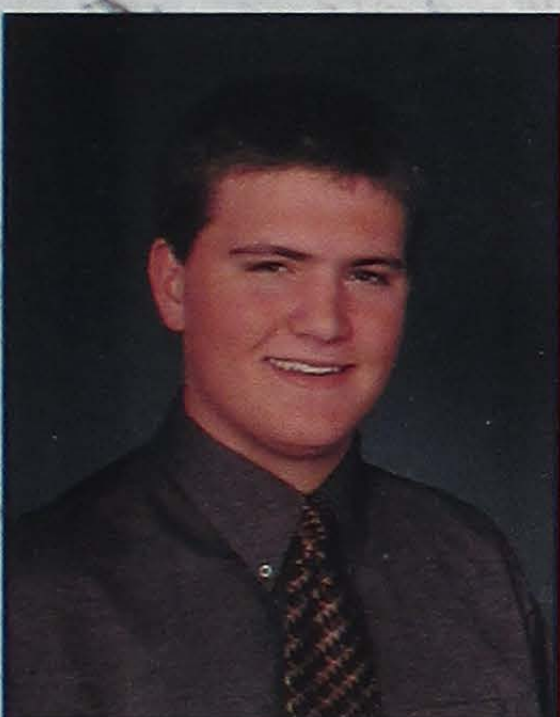
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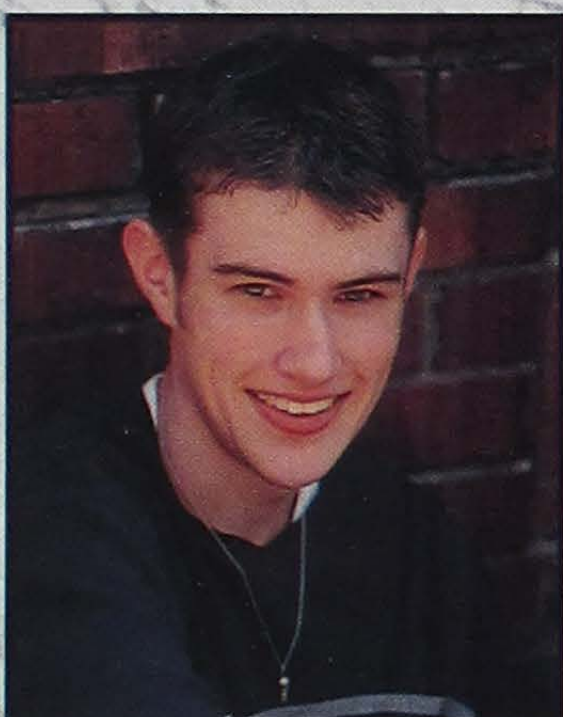
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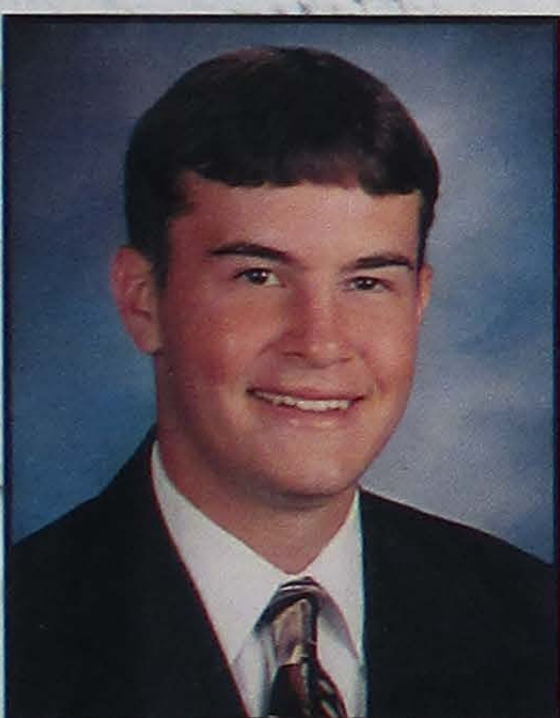
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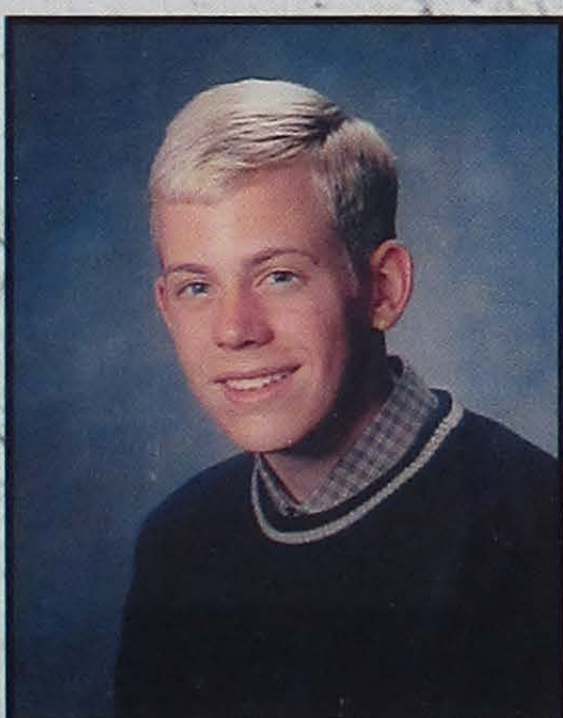
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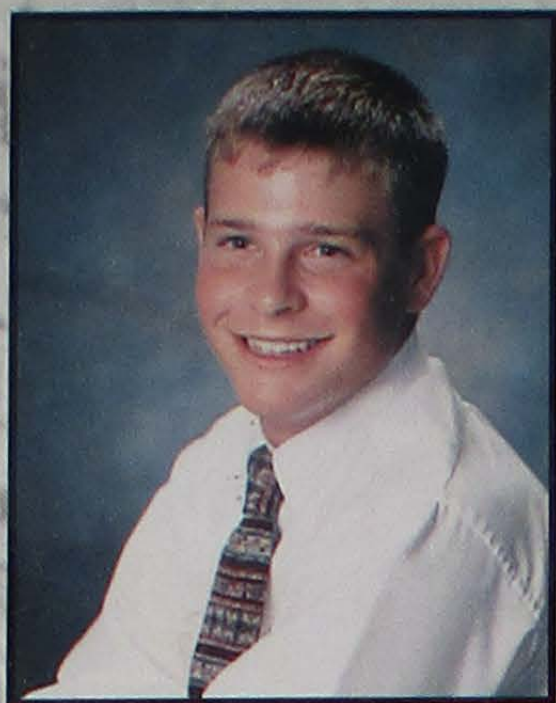


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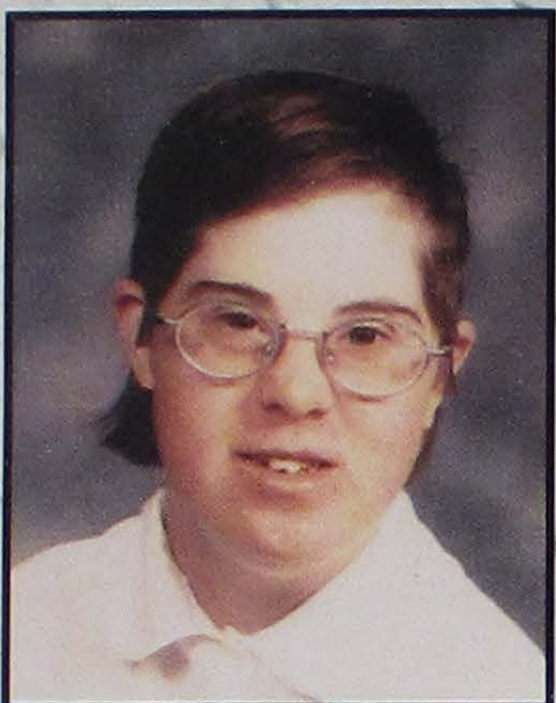
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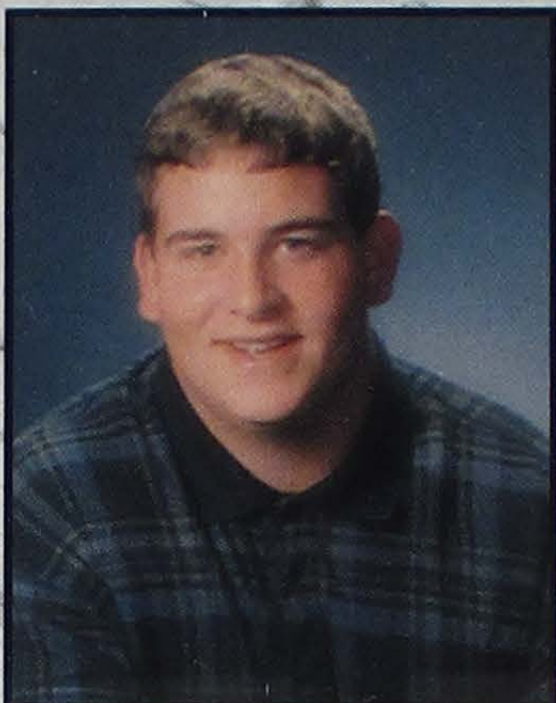
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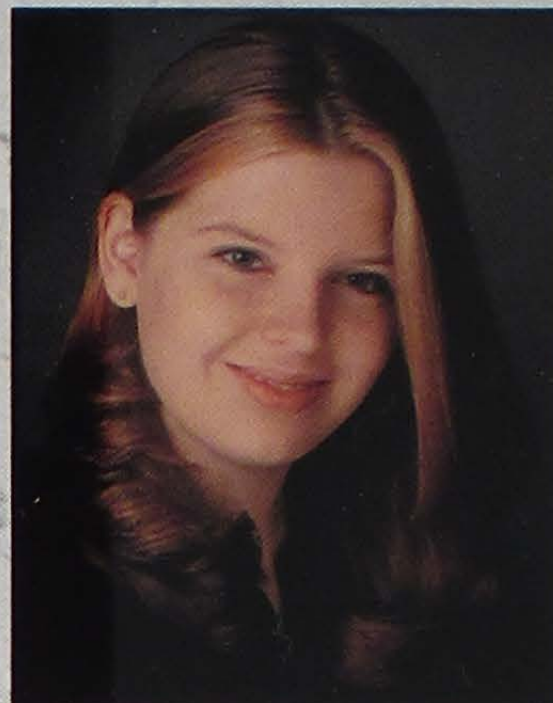
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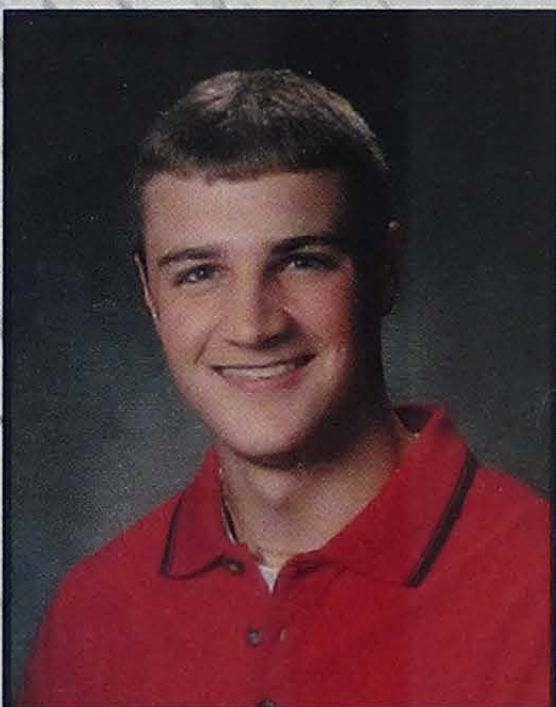
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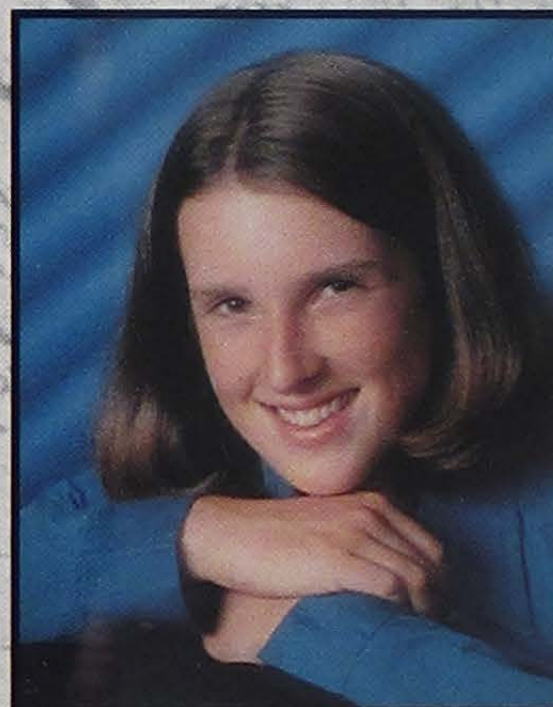
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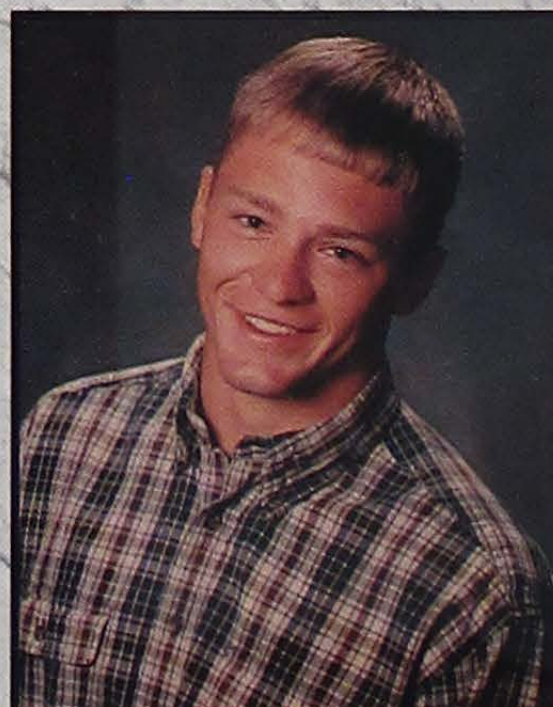
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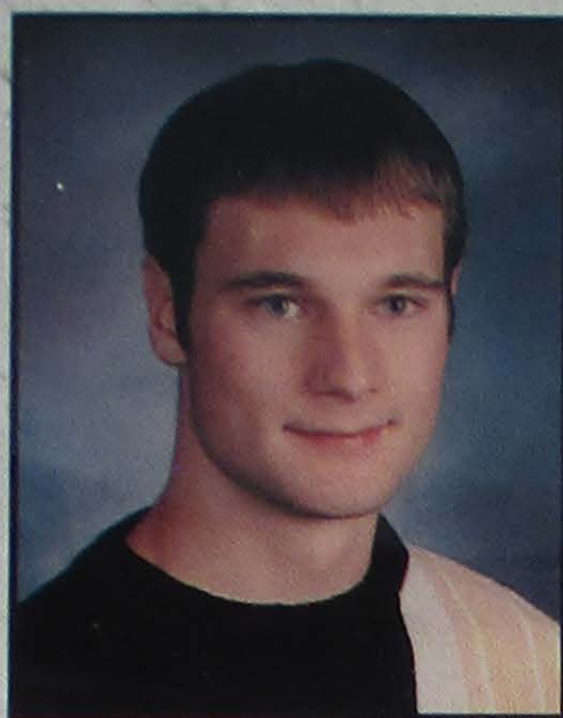


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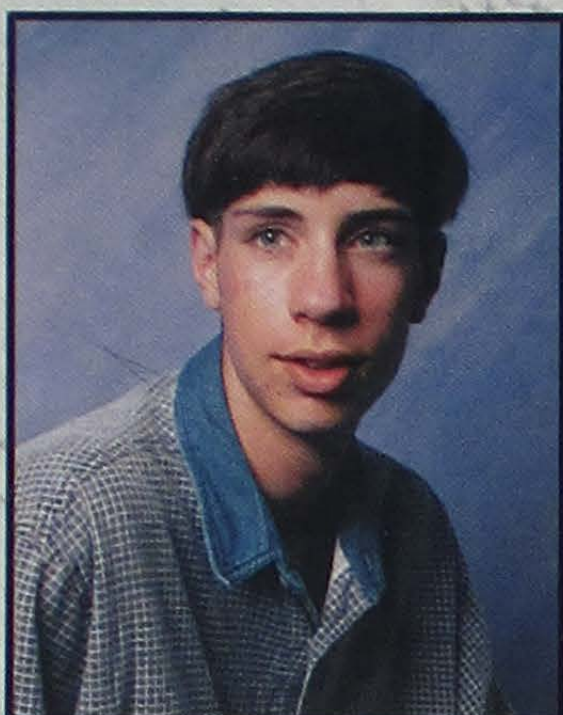
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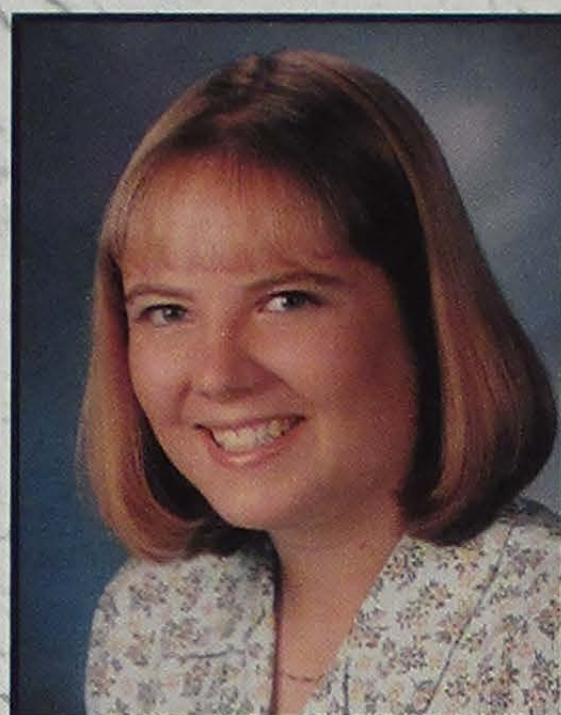
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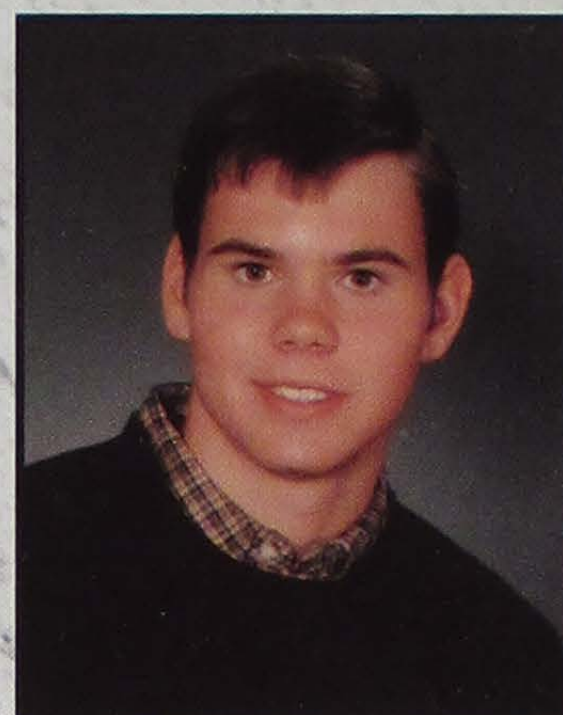
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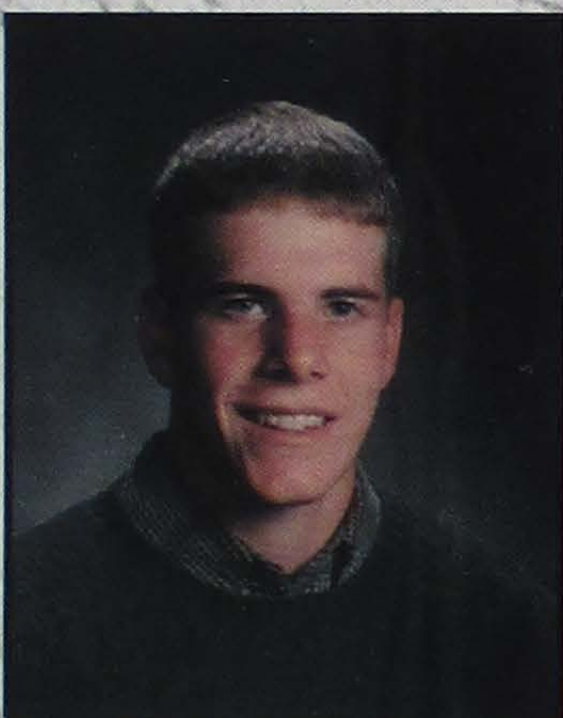
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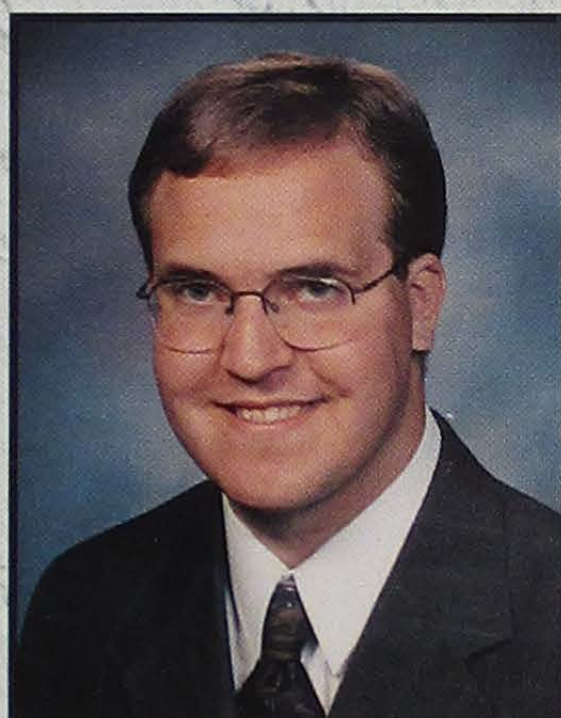
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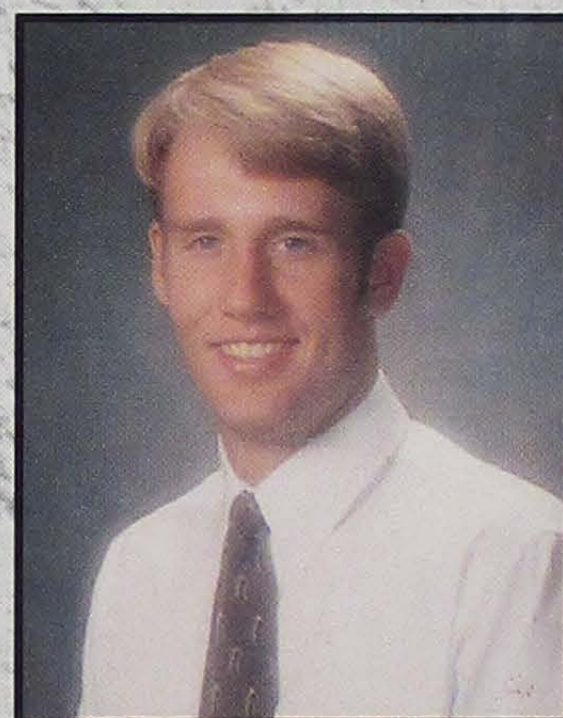
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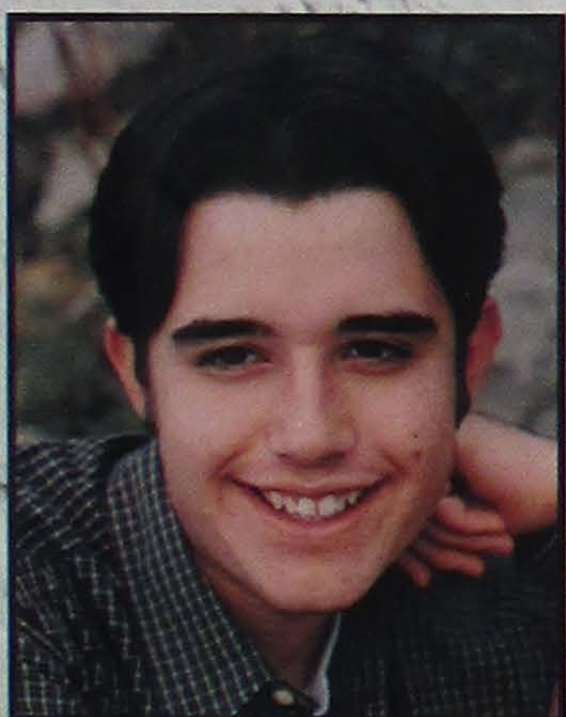
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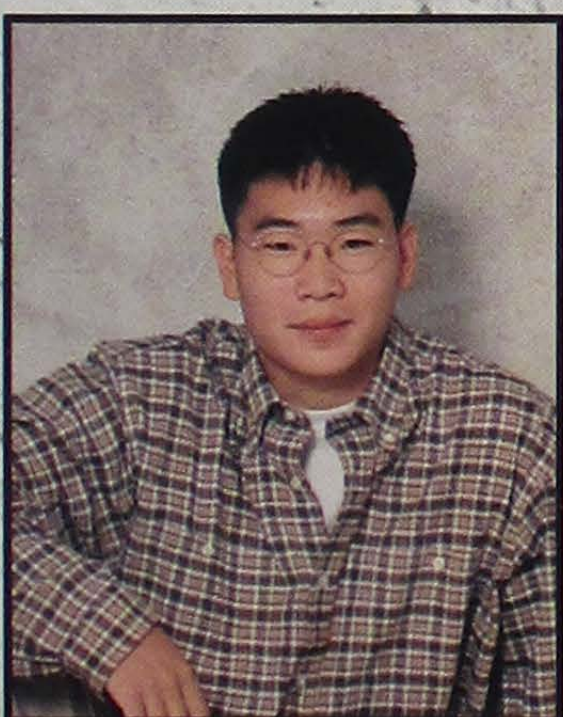
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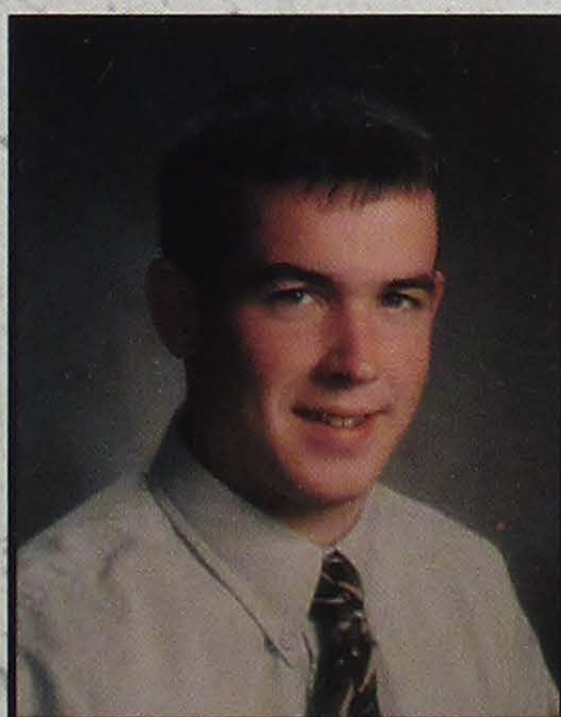
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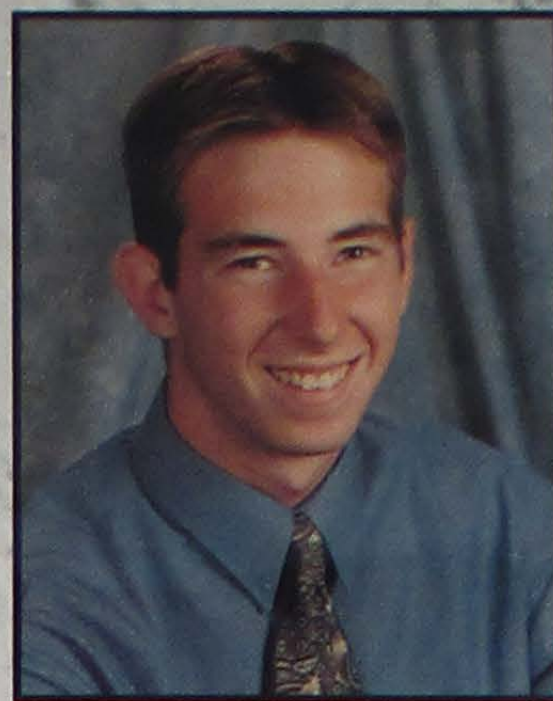




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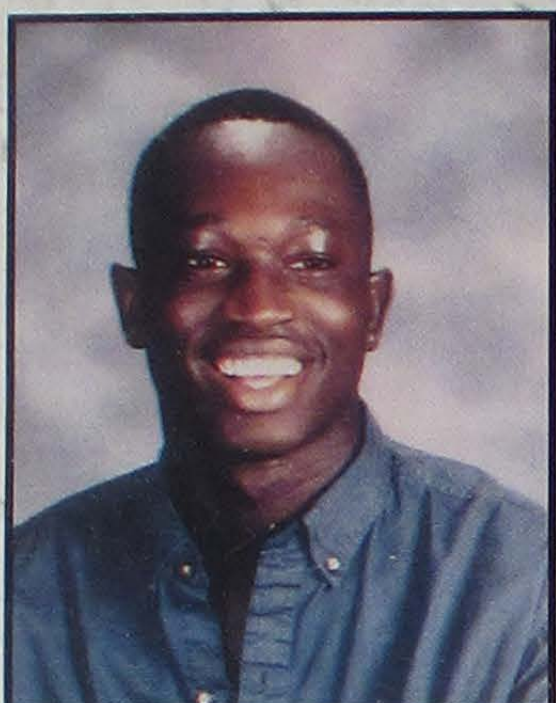
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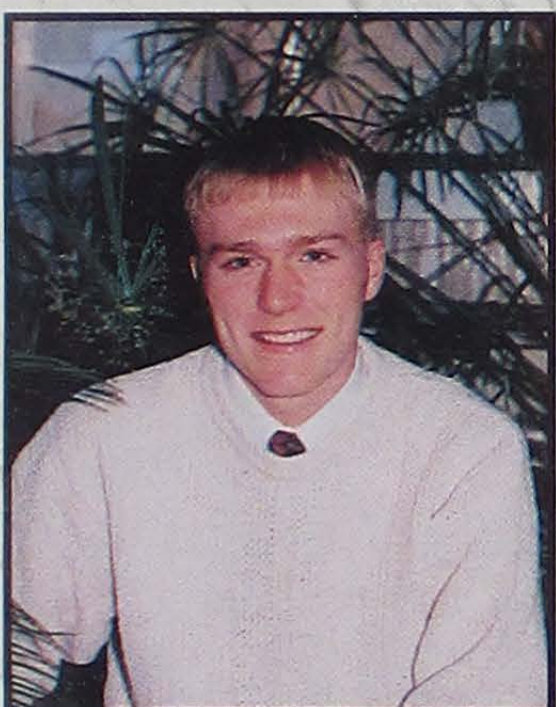
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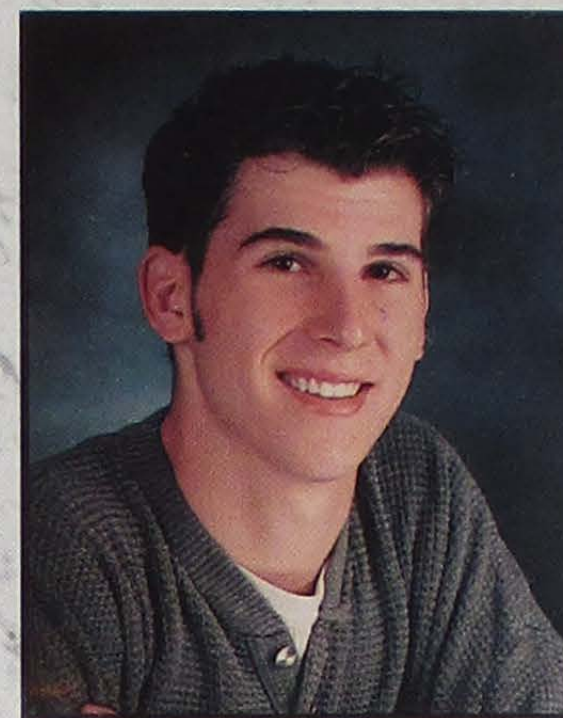
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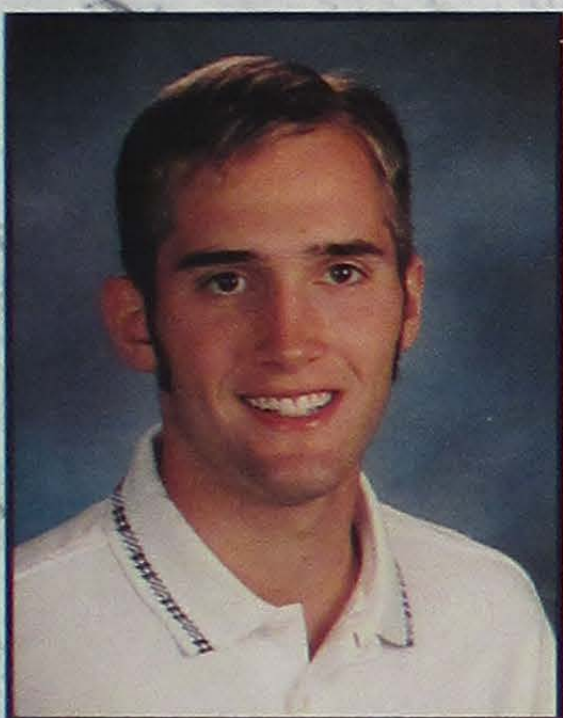
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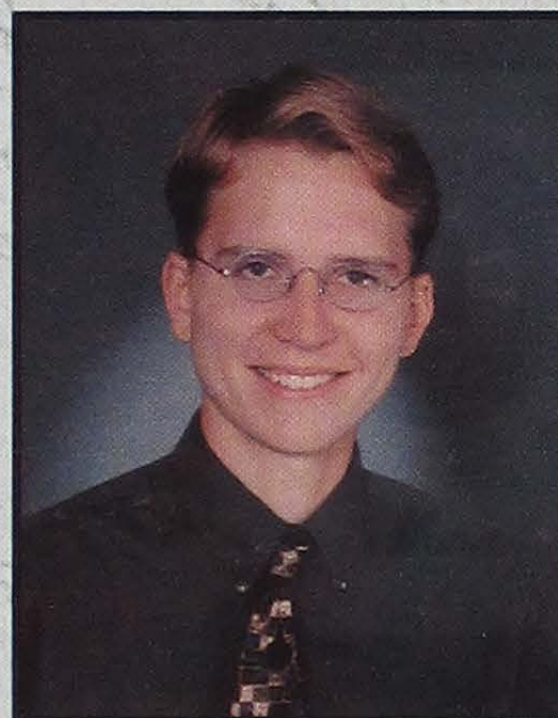
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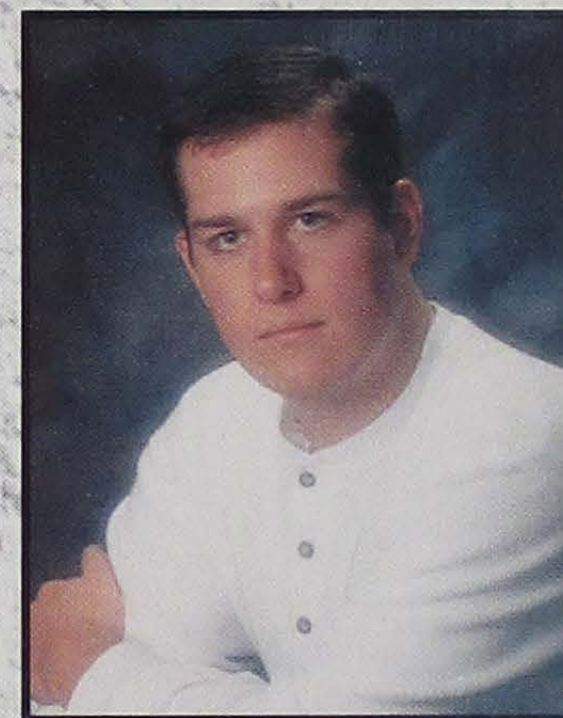
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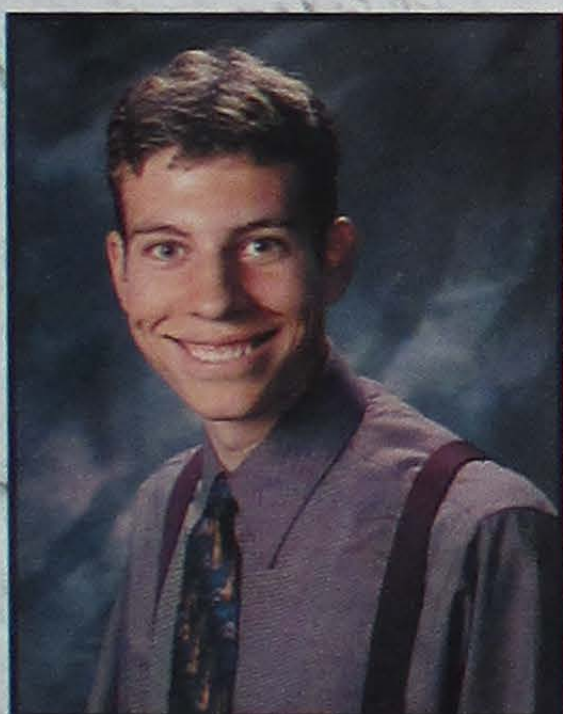
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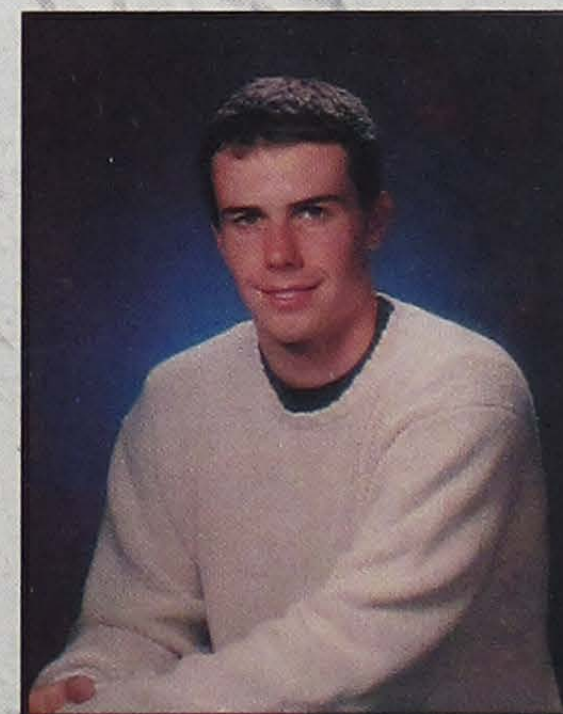
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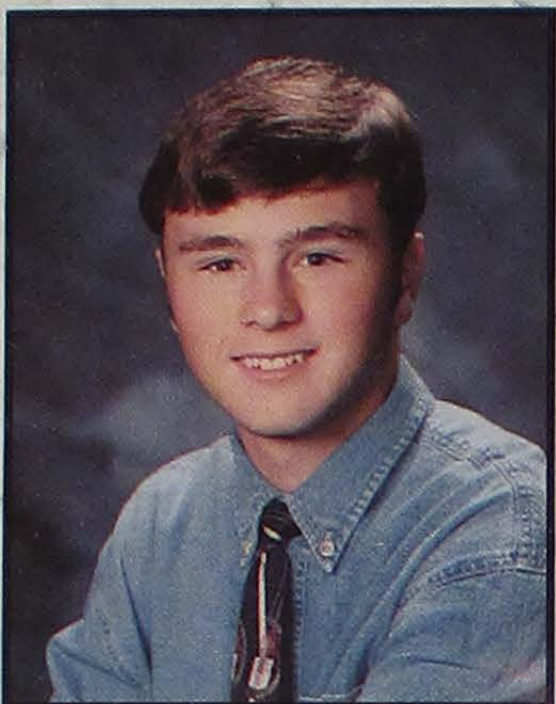
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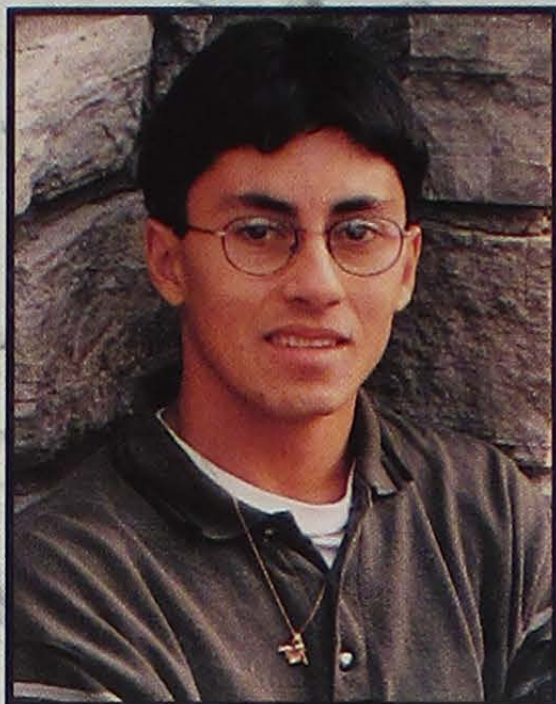
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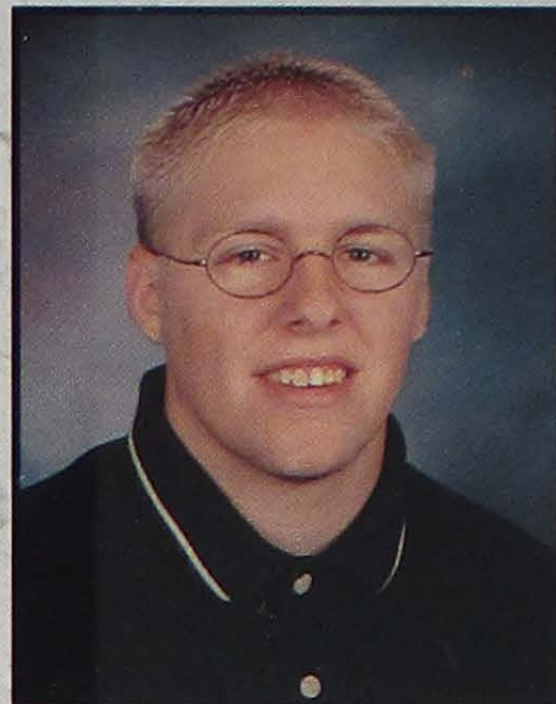
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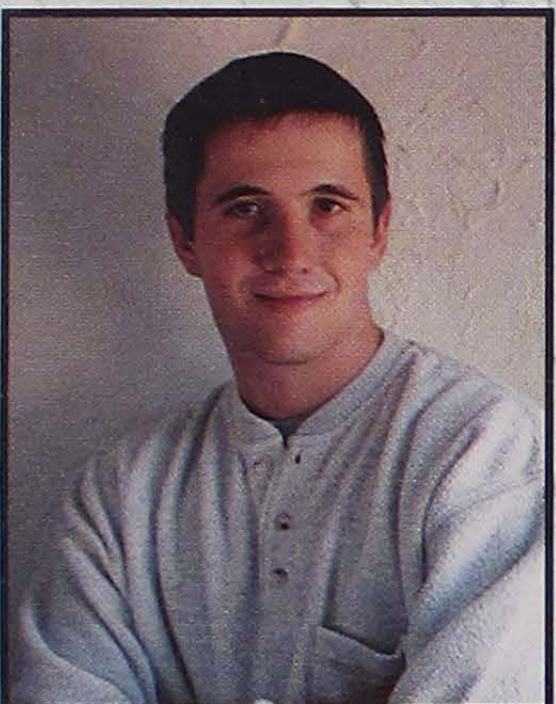
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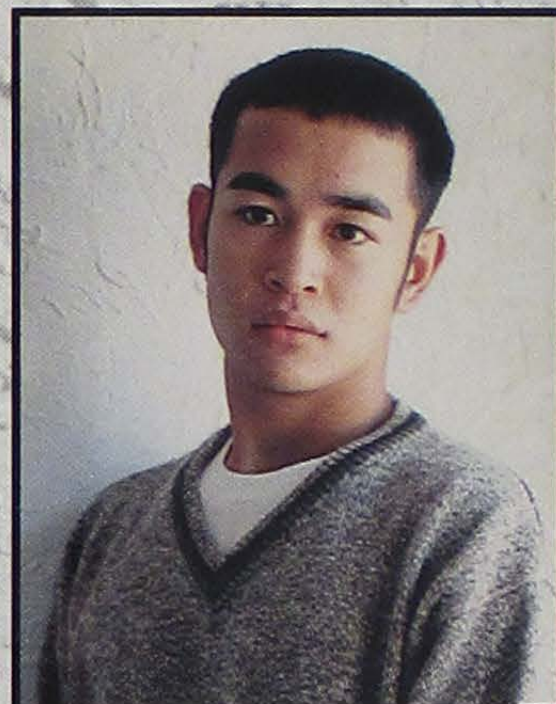
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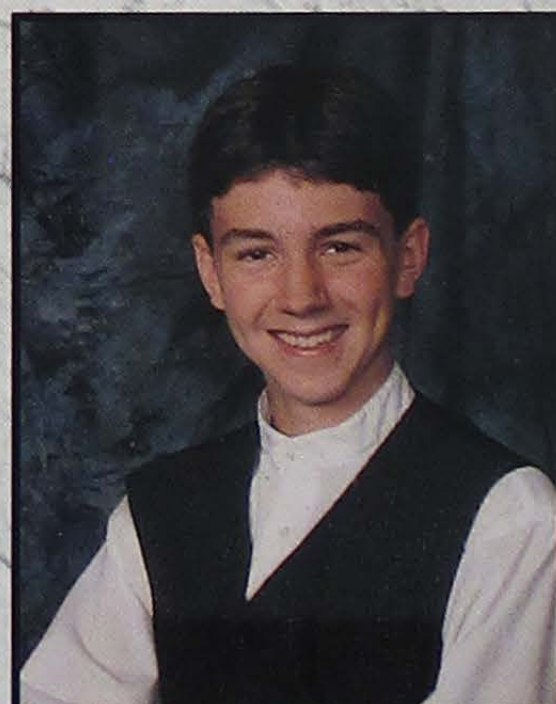
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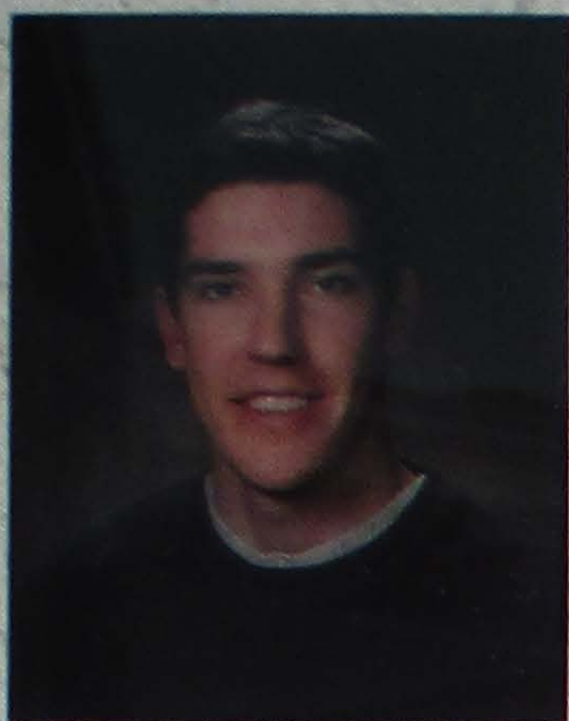


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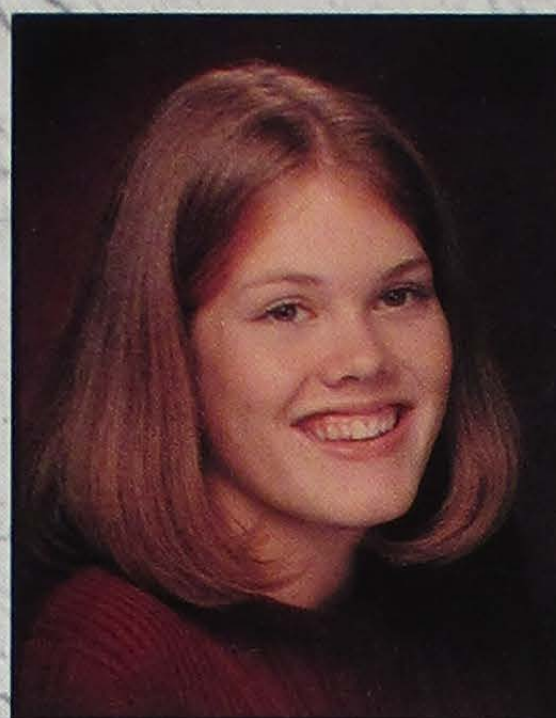
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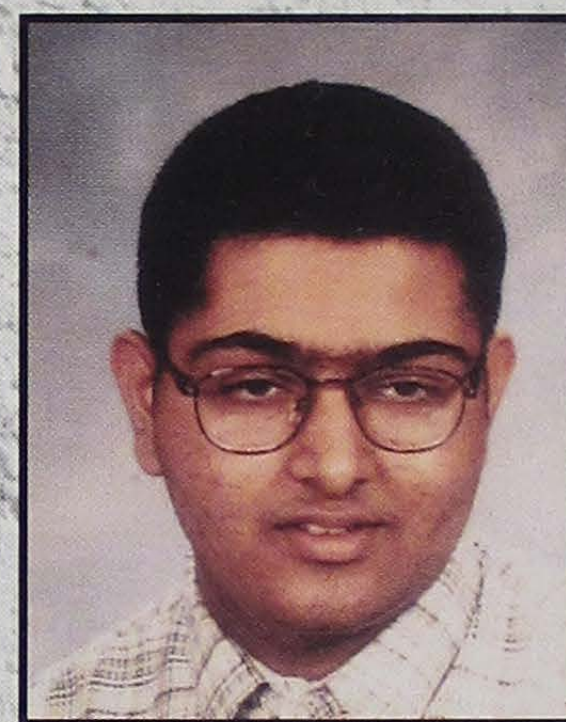
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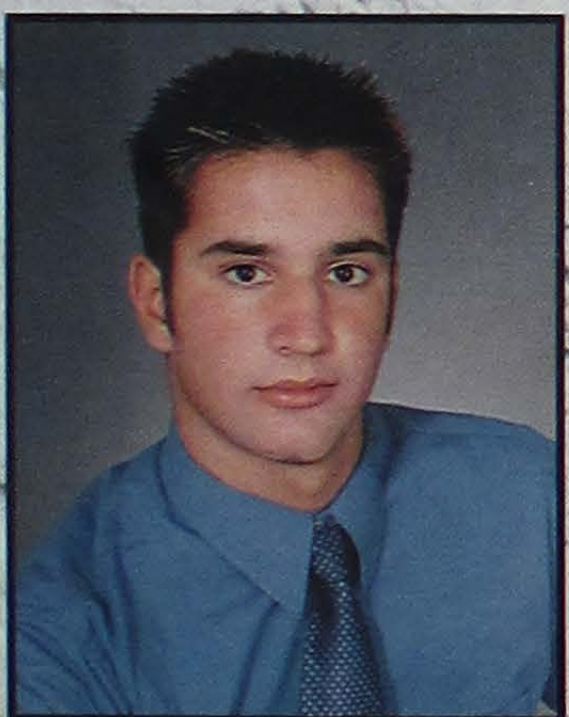
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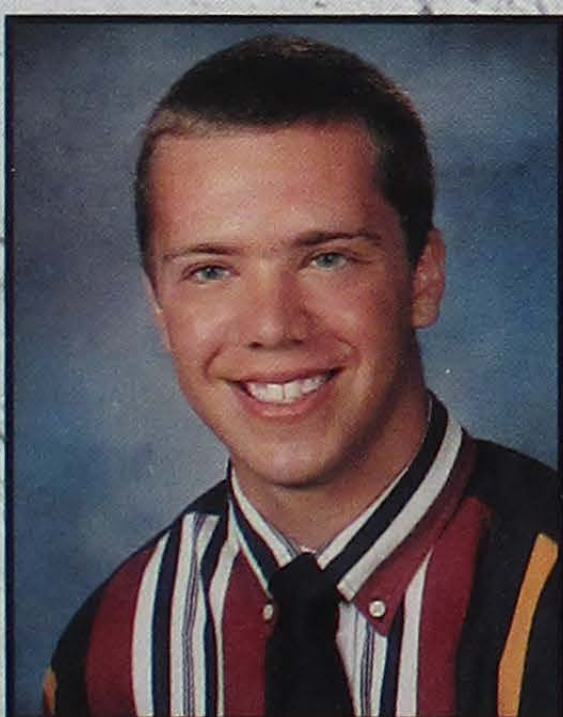
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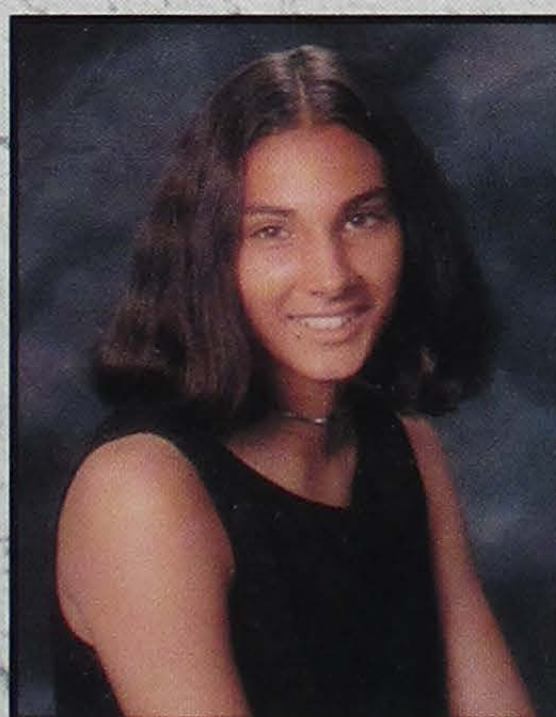
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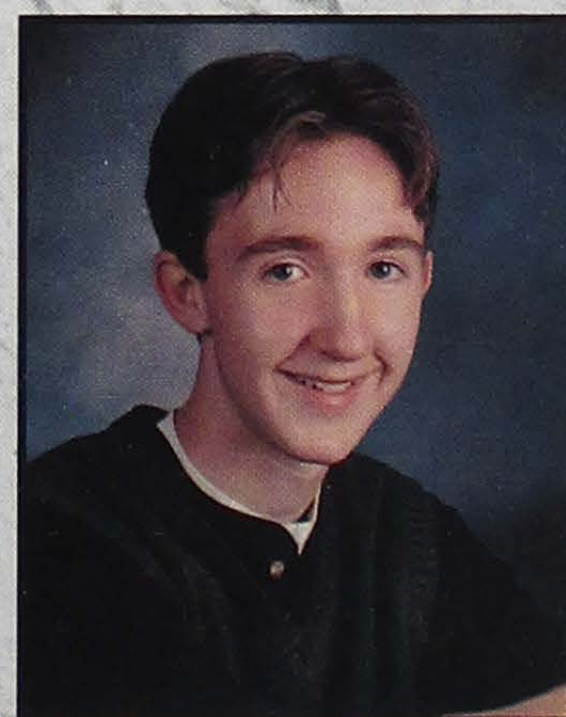
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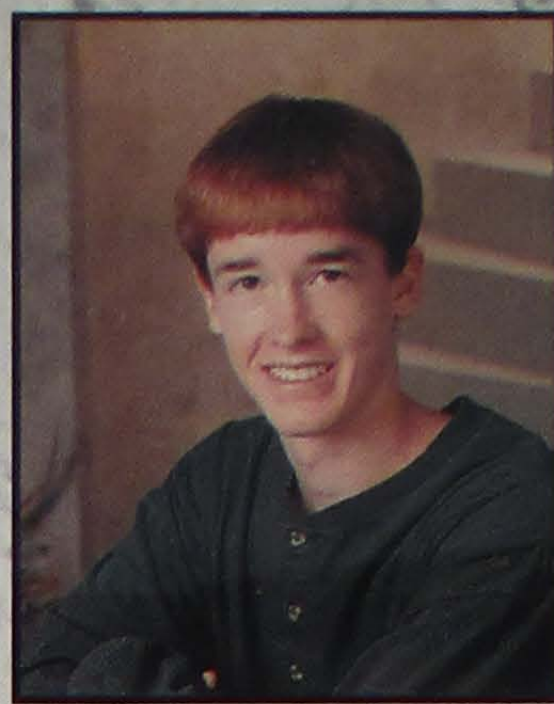




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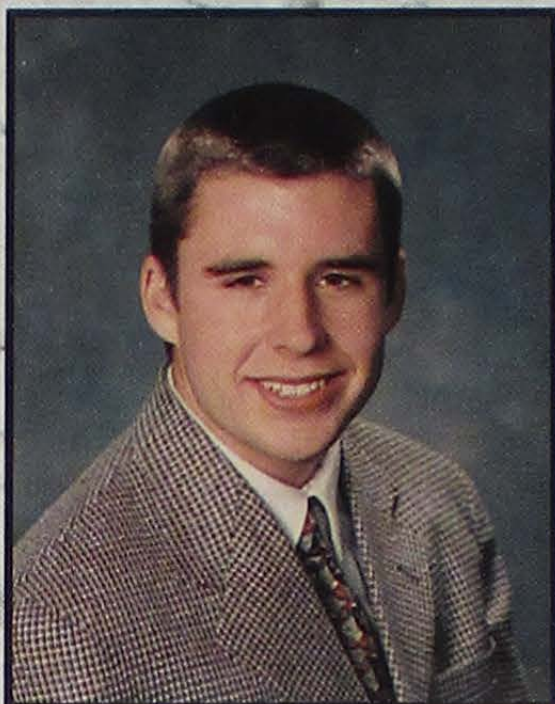
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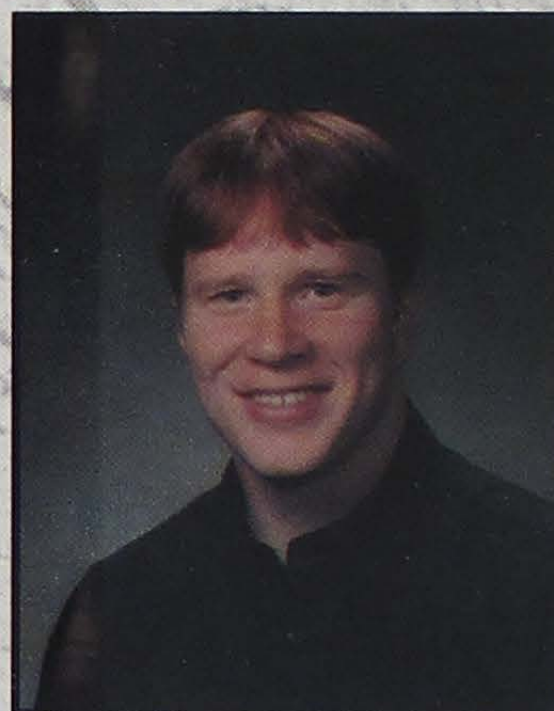
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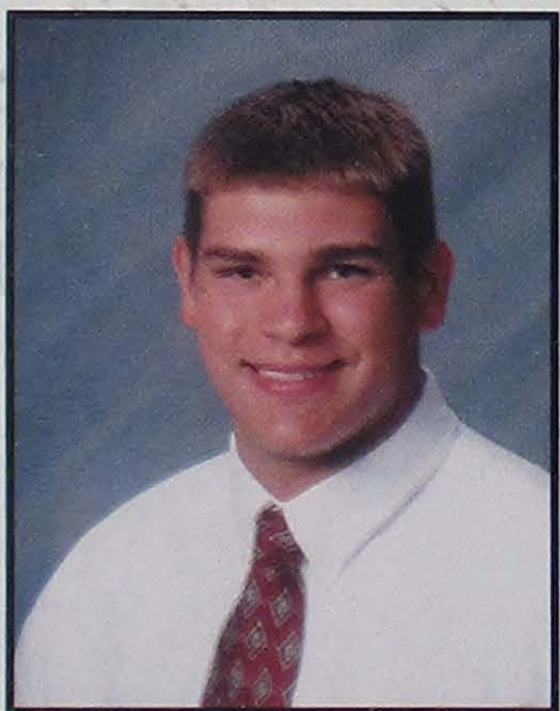
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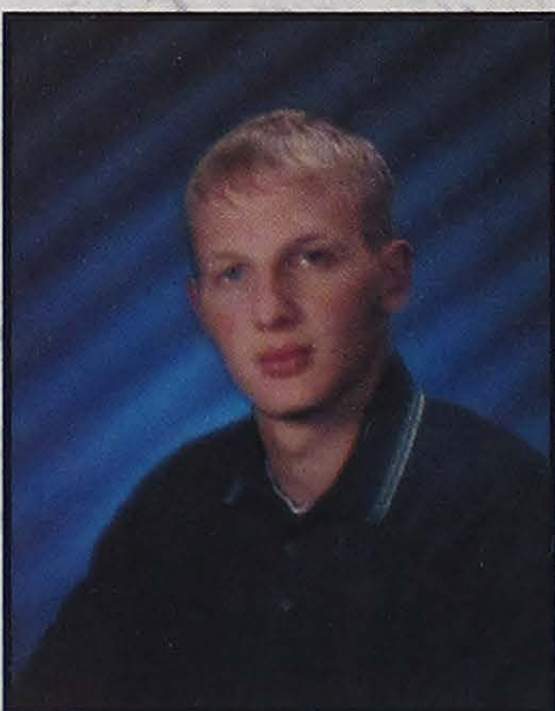
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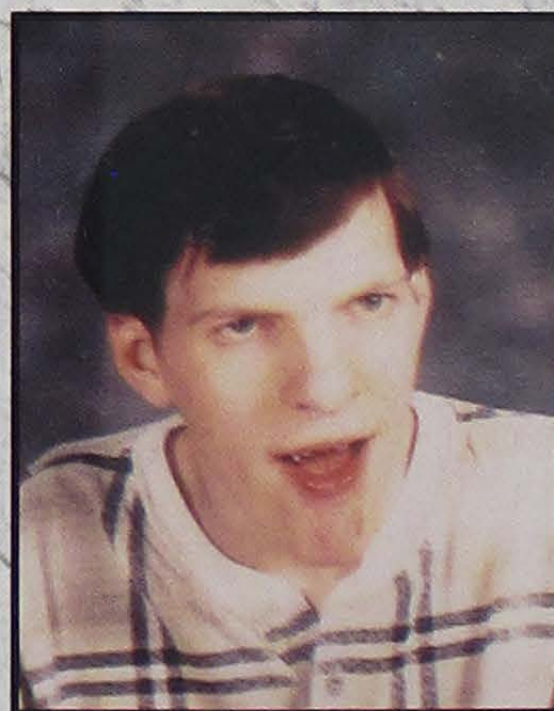
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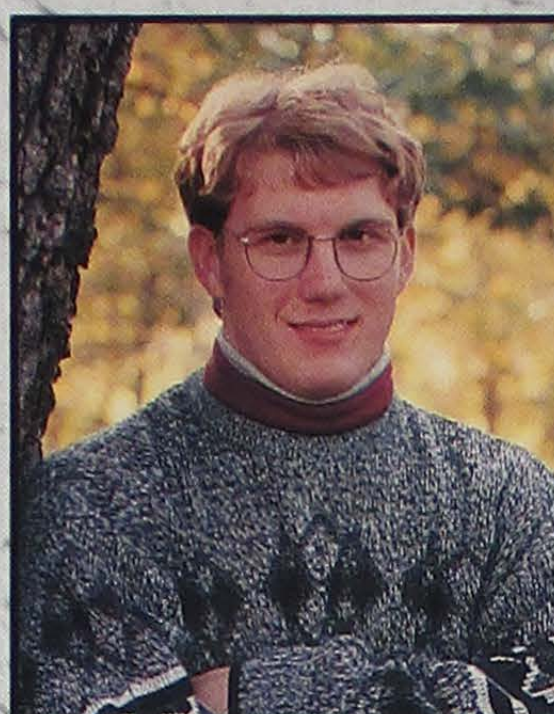
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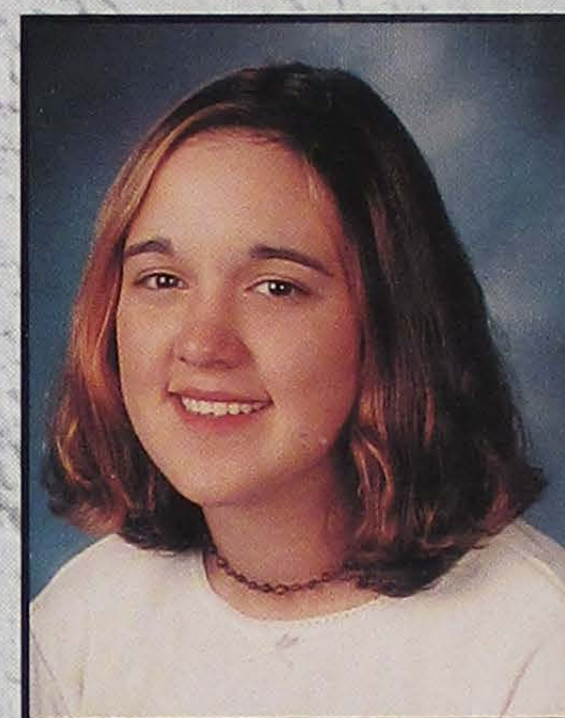
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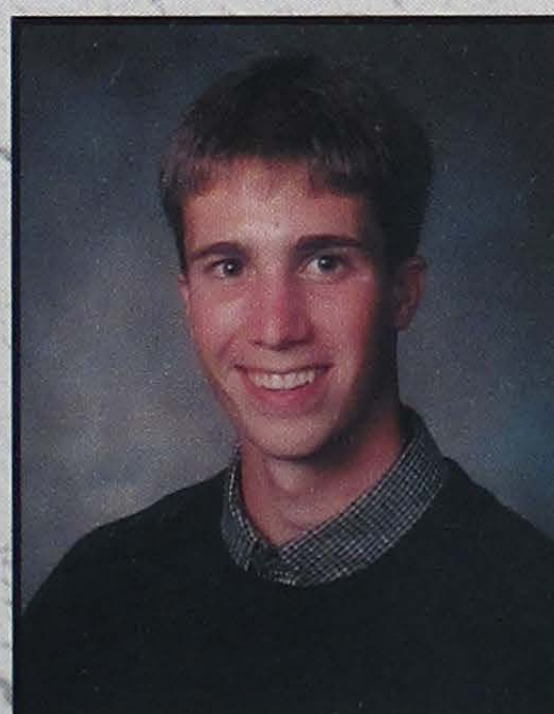
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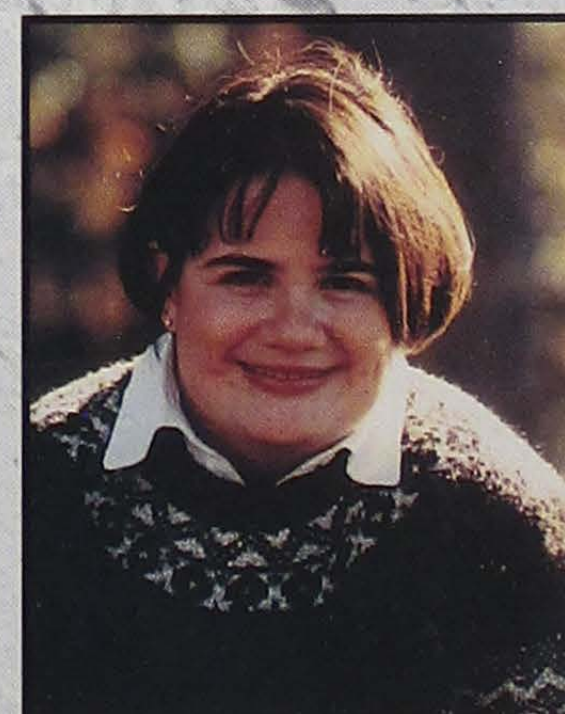
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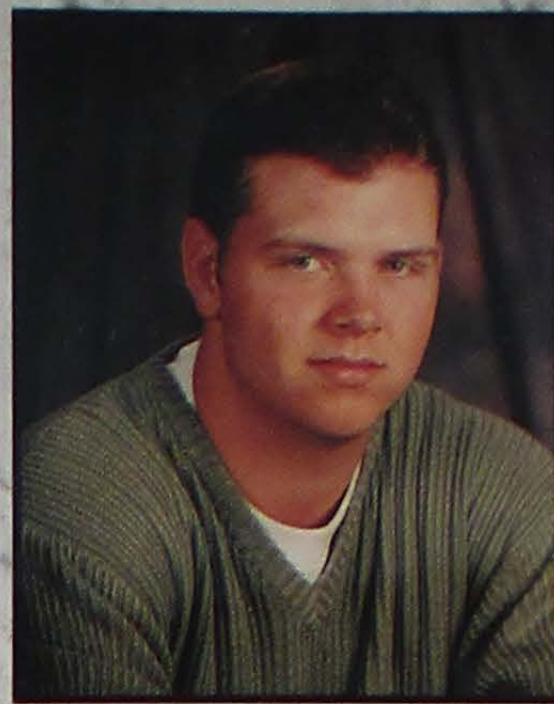




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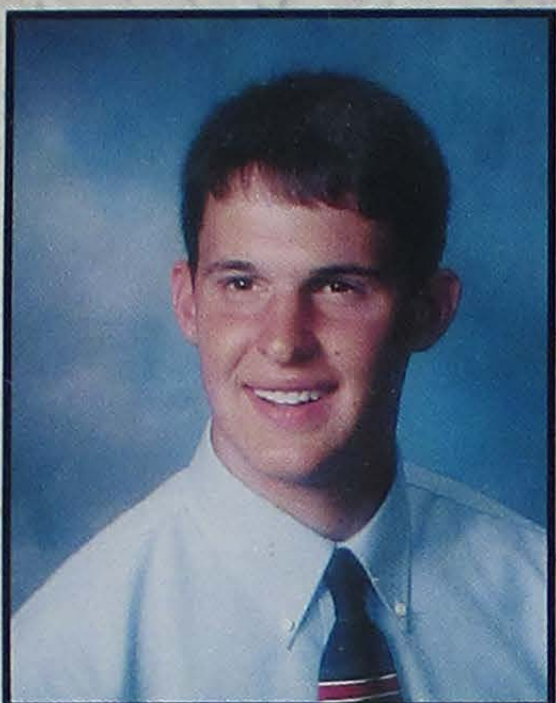
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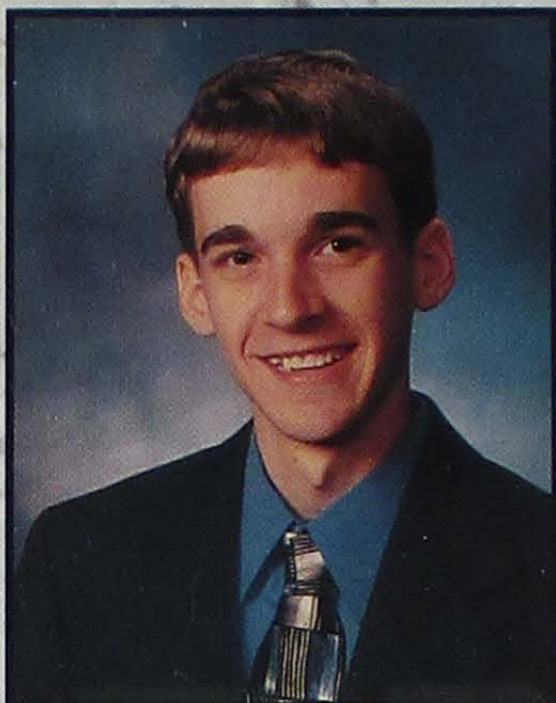
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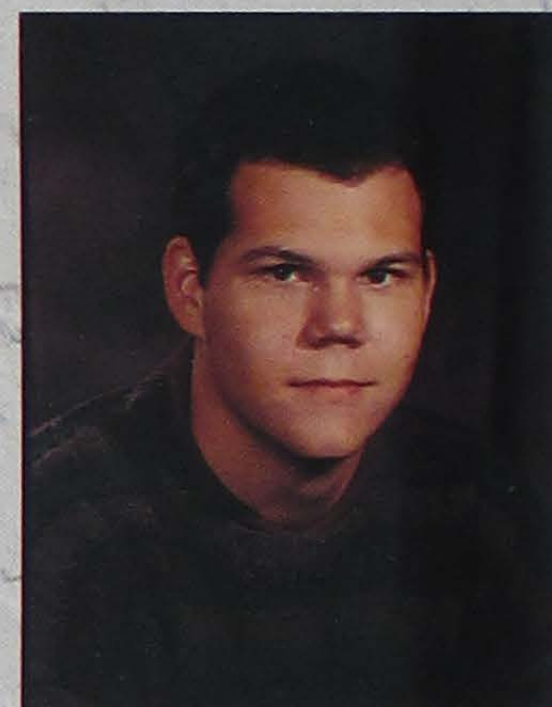
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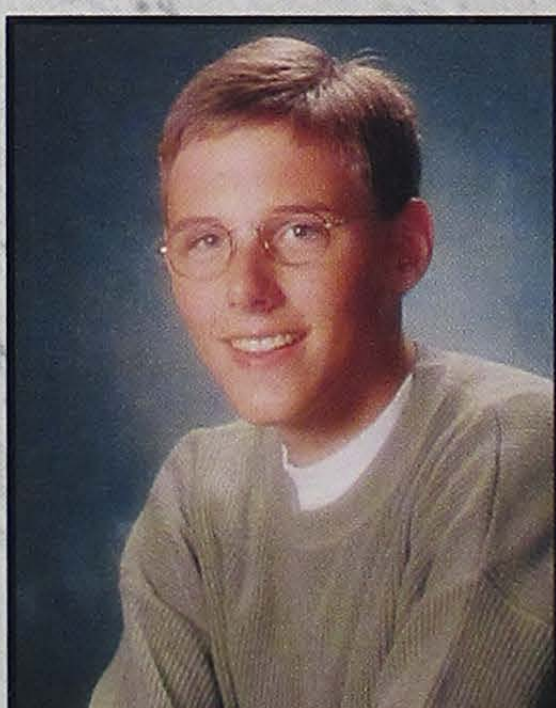
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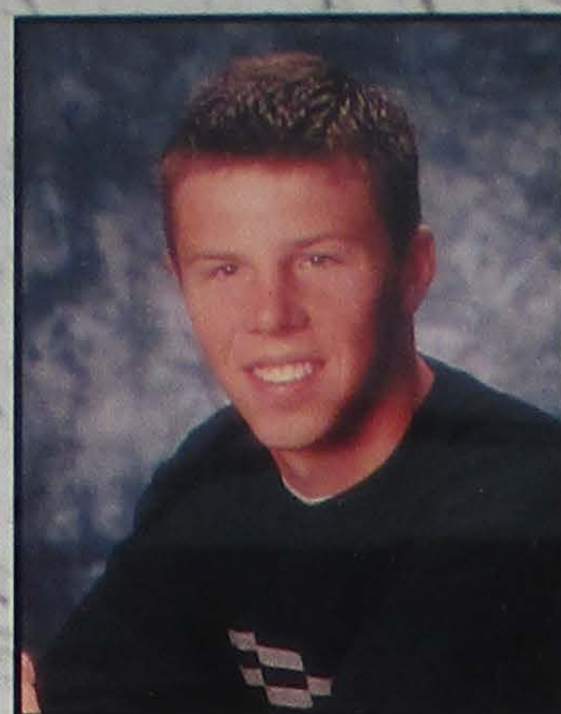




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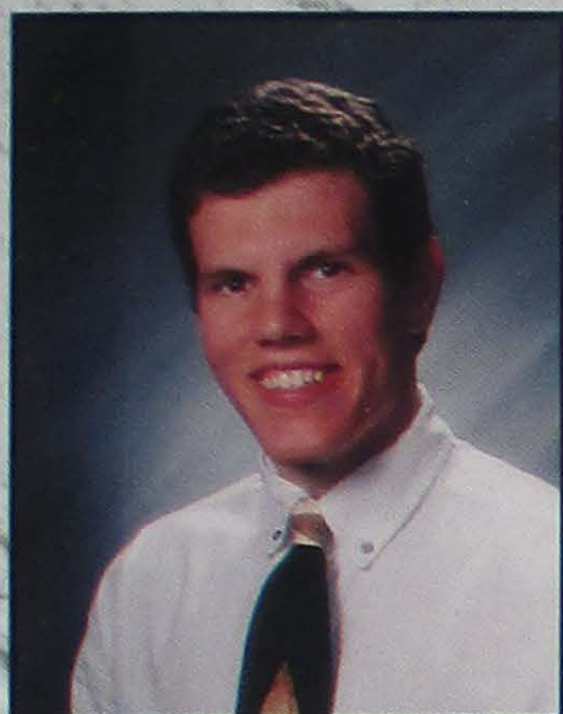
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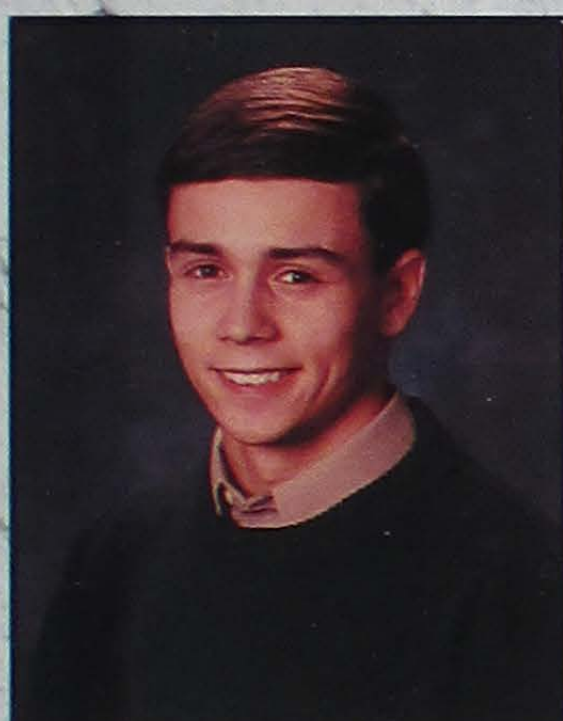
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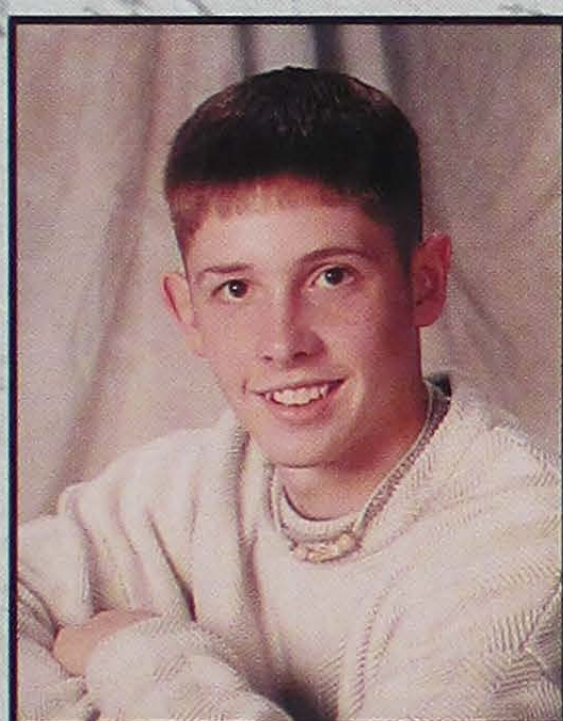
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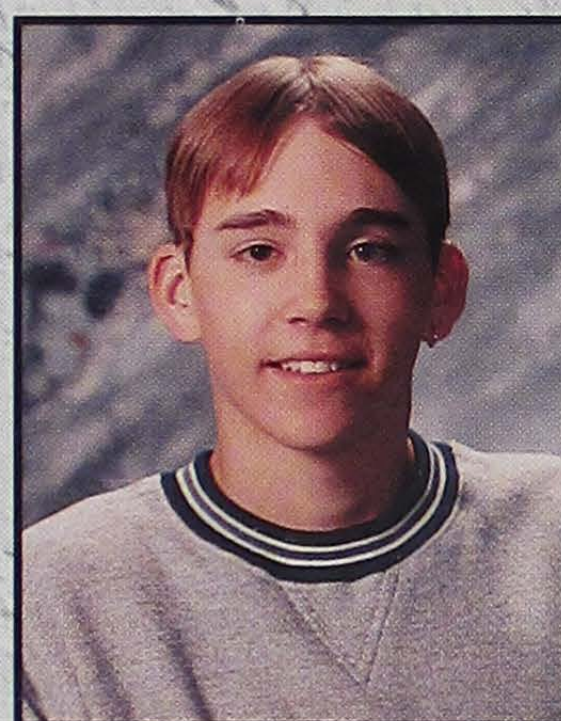
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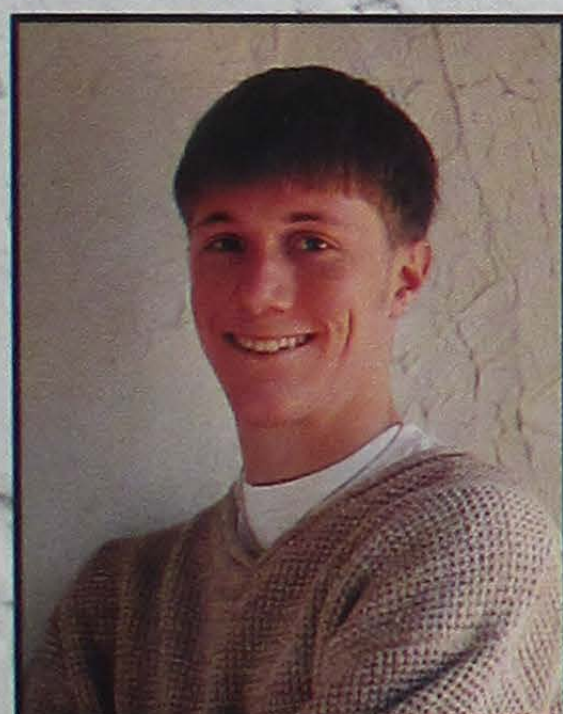
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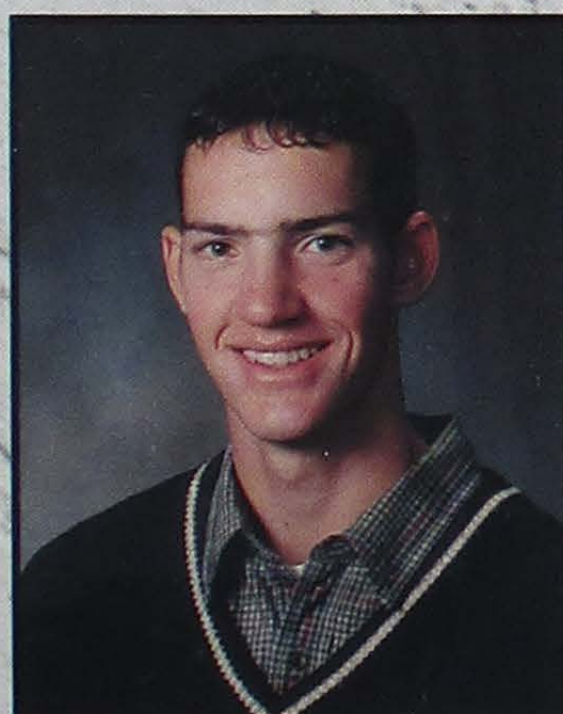
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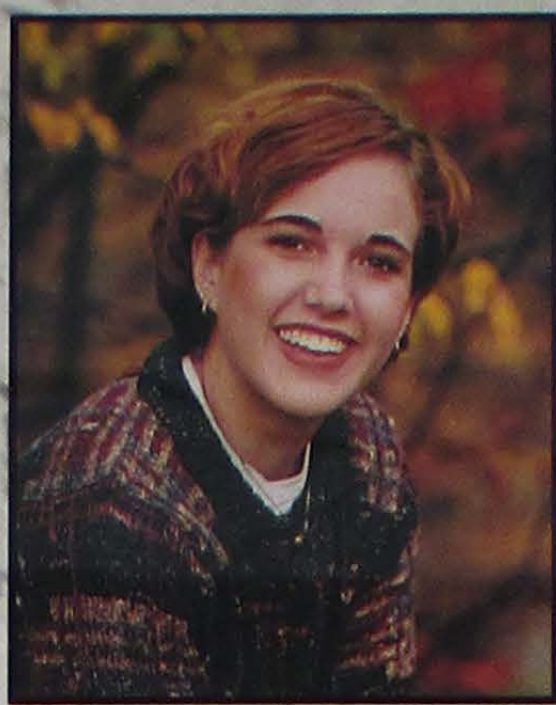


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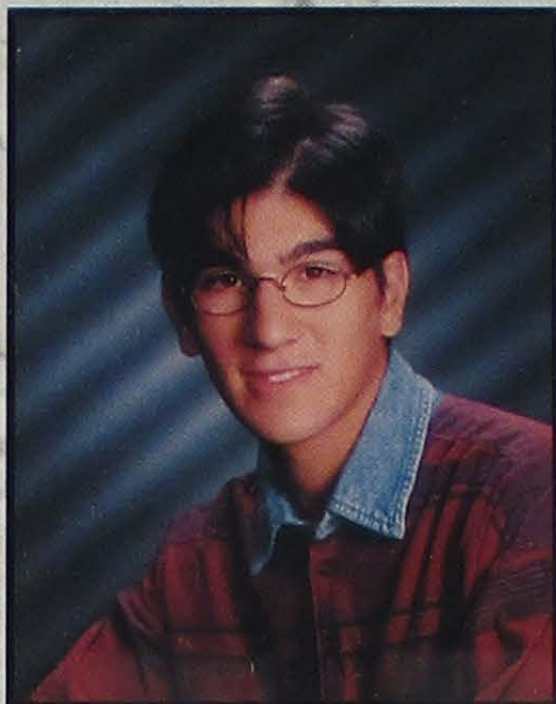
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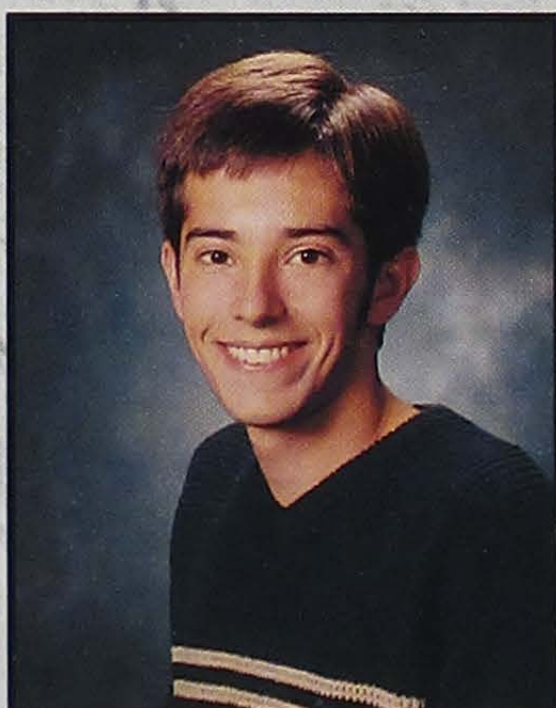
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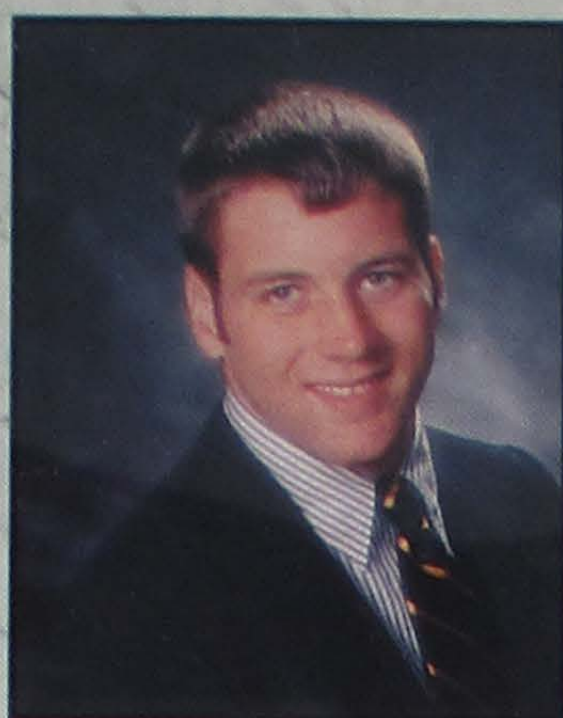


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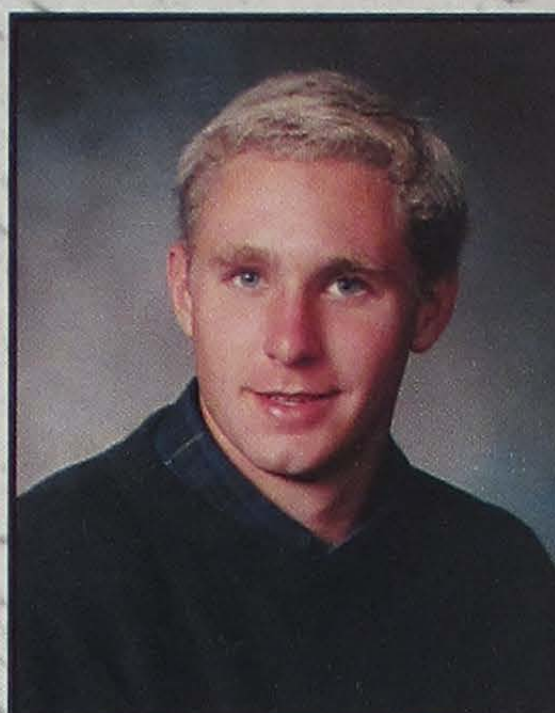
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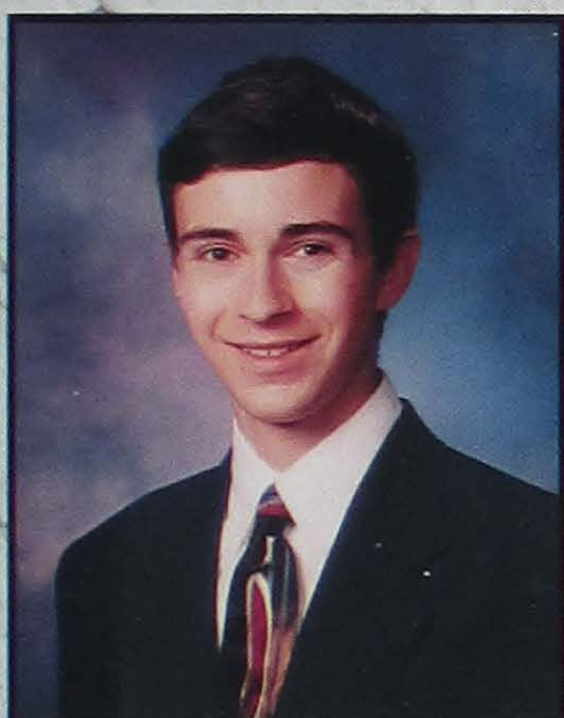
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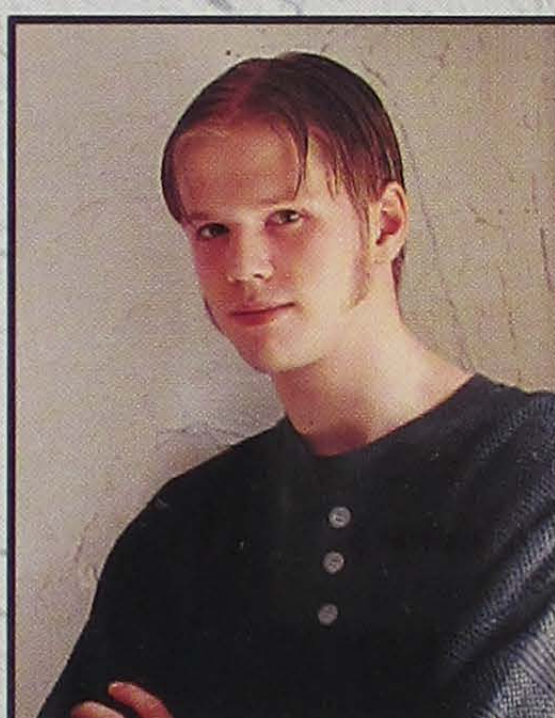
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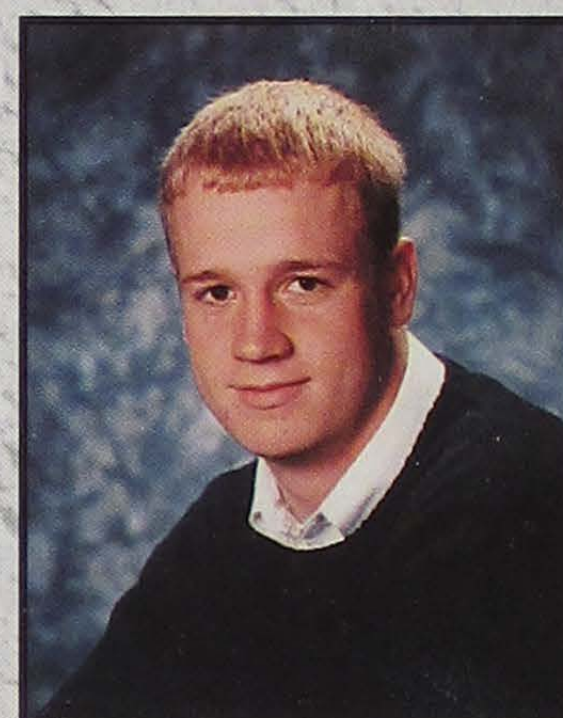
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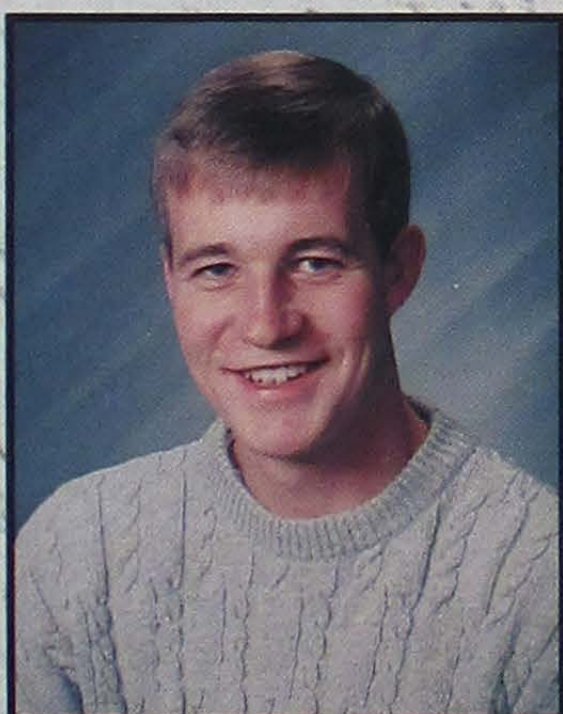
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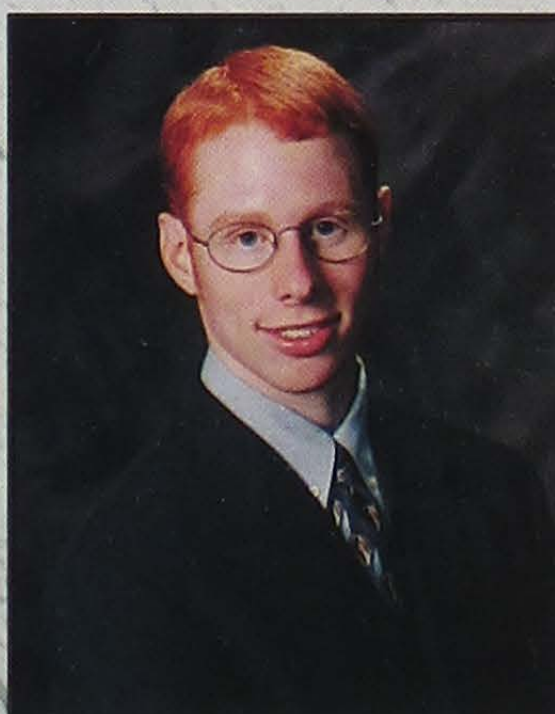
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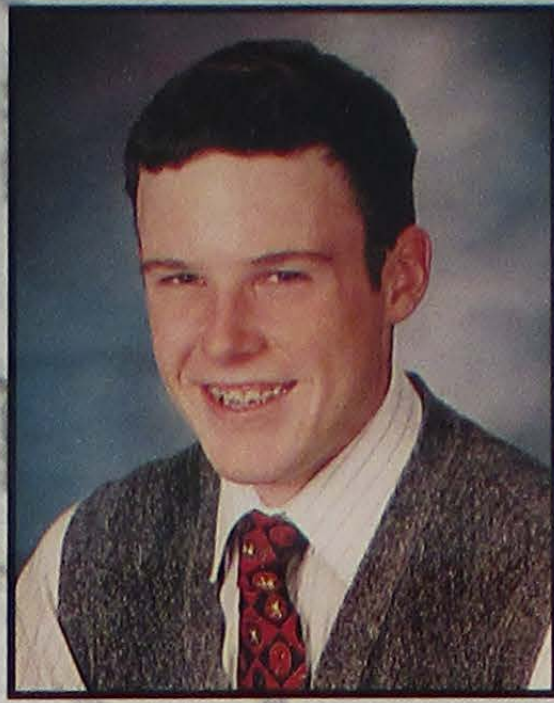


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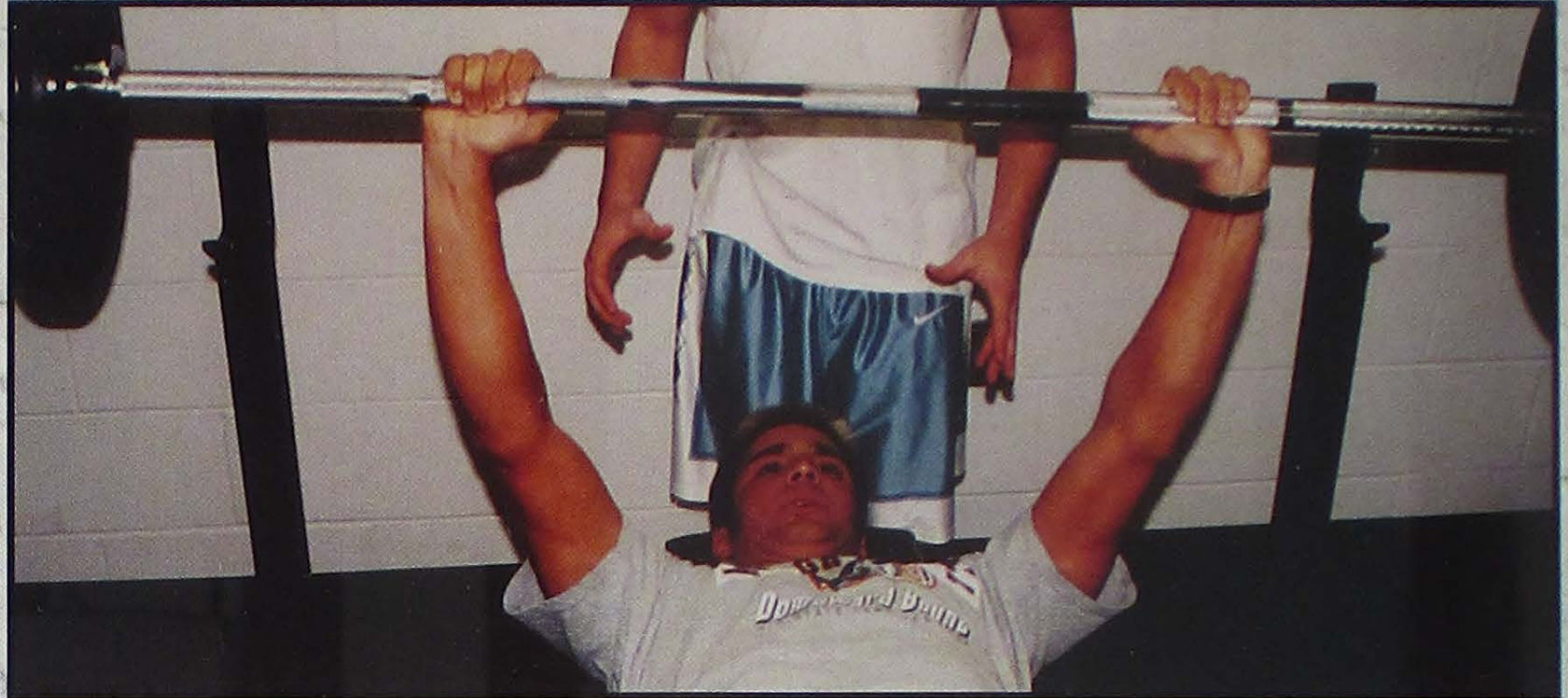
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Senior **Ryan Paul** pumps iron in the weight room, in order to prepare for the track season. Many students spent afternoons in the weight room

preparing for upcoming sports seasons. The new weight room equipment was purchased from Iowa State, for AHS. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)

## NOT PICTURED:

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Joel Anderson  
Rachel Anderson  
Mohammad Asar  
Christopher Bach  
Lucrece Booth  
Sicily Canny  
Hsun-Wen Chang  
Corey Courtney  
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Meagan Duple  
Dana Everett  
Heather Friest  
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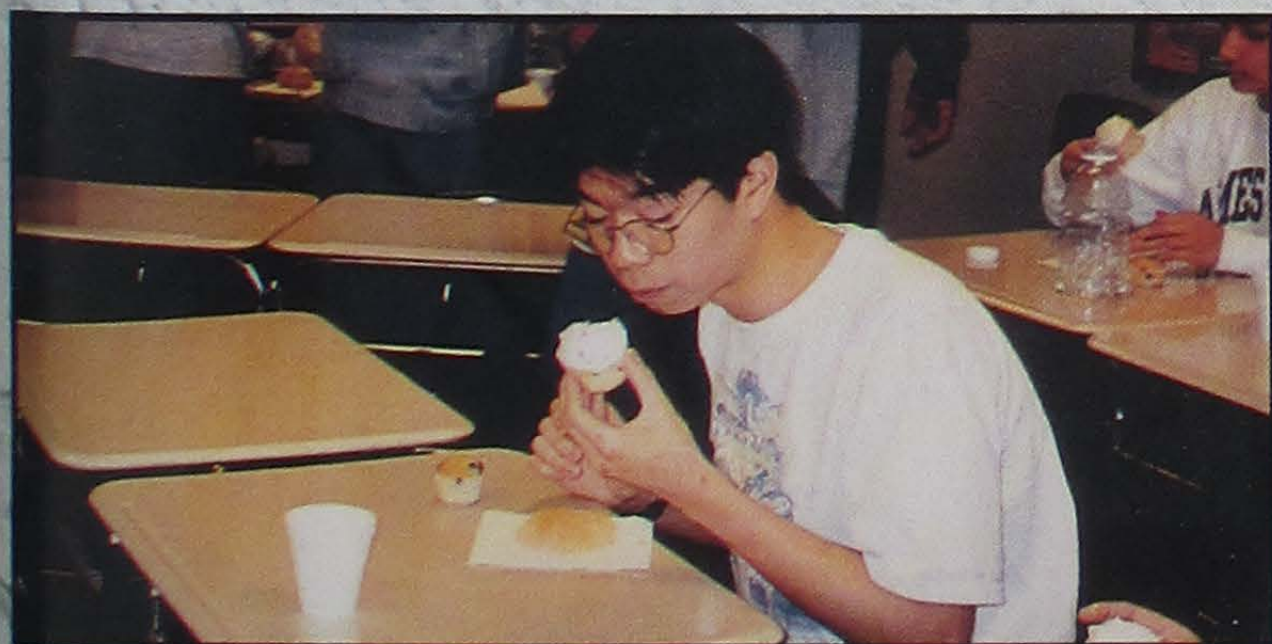
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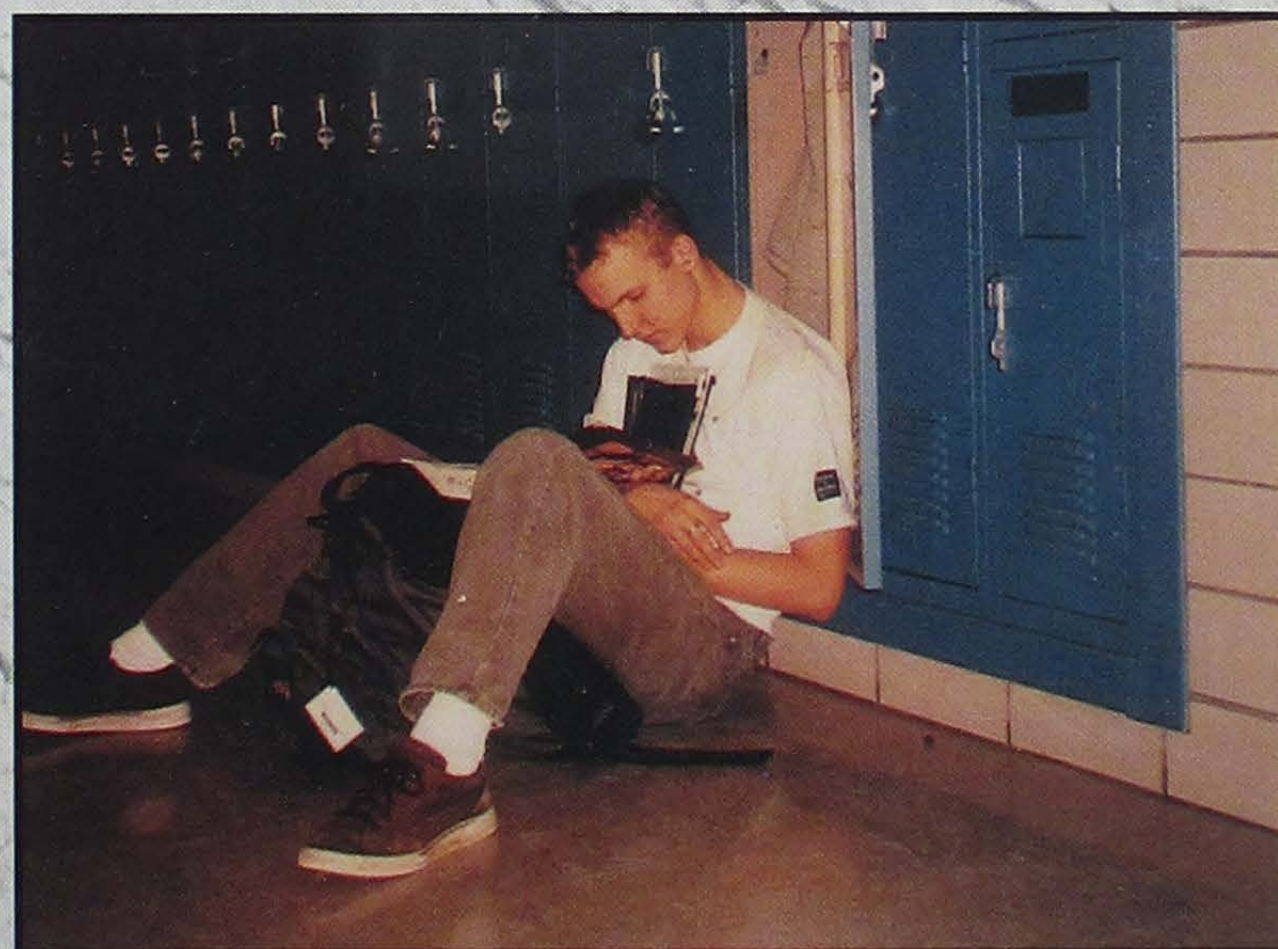
Senior **Claire Gilchrist** pauses by an advertisement in downtown Madrid, Spain in order to get proof the Spanish believe in safe sex too. The sign reads "In the front or in the back? ...with a condom." This advertisement was only one of the many cultural differences Spanish-IV students dealt with while in Spain for two weeks. (photo courtesy of Brenna Dougan)



Senior **Sam Wong** indulges in a cupcake as part of a celebration during Spanish class. Foreign language classes often celebrated holidays from other countries in an effort for students to better understand those cultures. (photo by Stacey Chung)

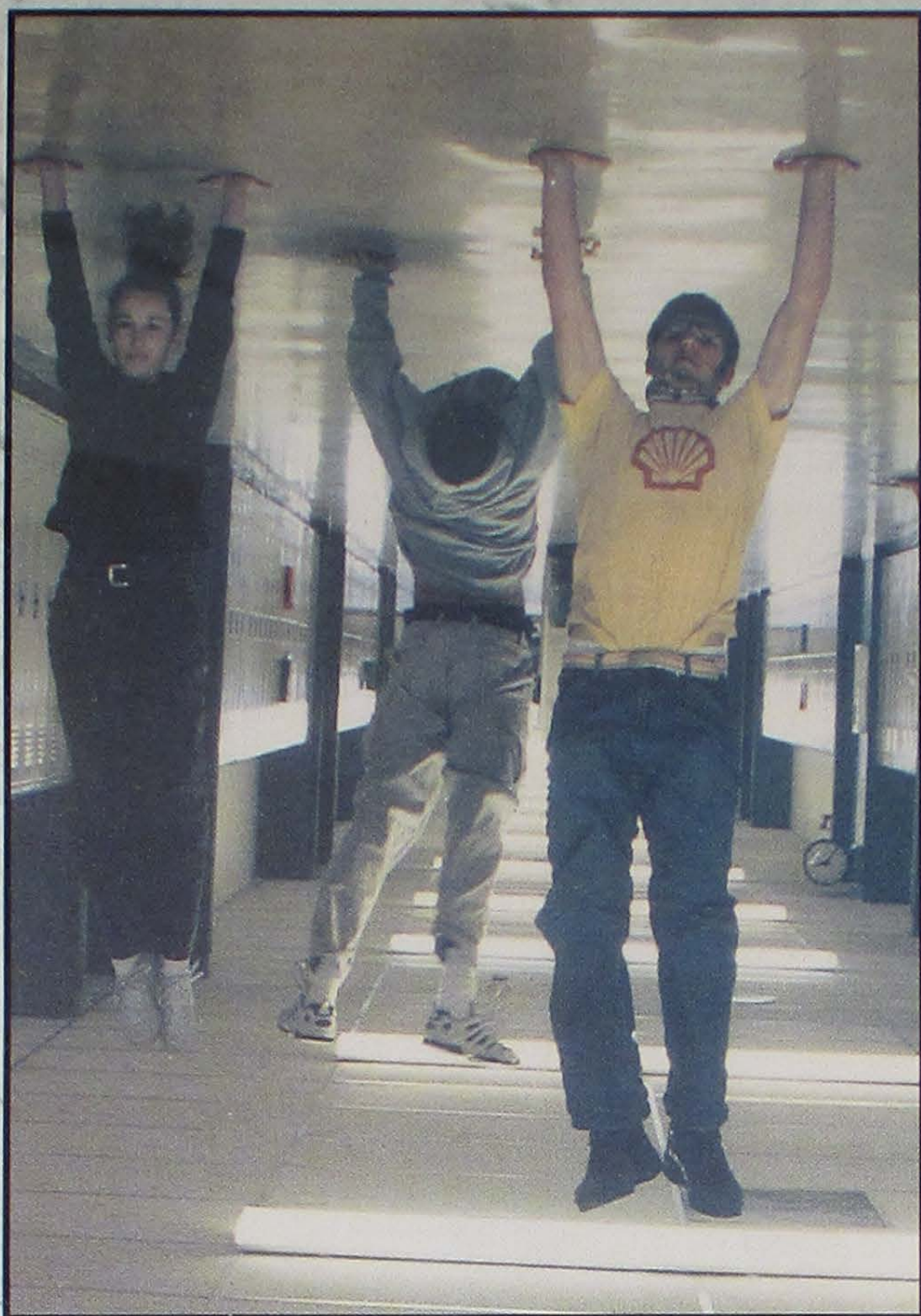


Spit your grapes here, senior **Jessica Wray** is provided with a place to dispose of the grapes she had been using during a bonding session with her fellow volleyball team members. Most sports teams spent time together off the court getting to know each other in different ways than they had the opportunity to do in the setting of practice or while competing. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Adam Diesburg** is distracted, by a forgotten magazine, while cleaning his locker. Many seniors used their free periods to talk, relax, read, and just hang-out away from the pressures of class. (photo by Stacey Chung)

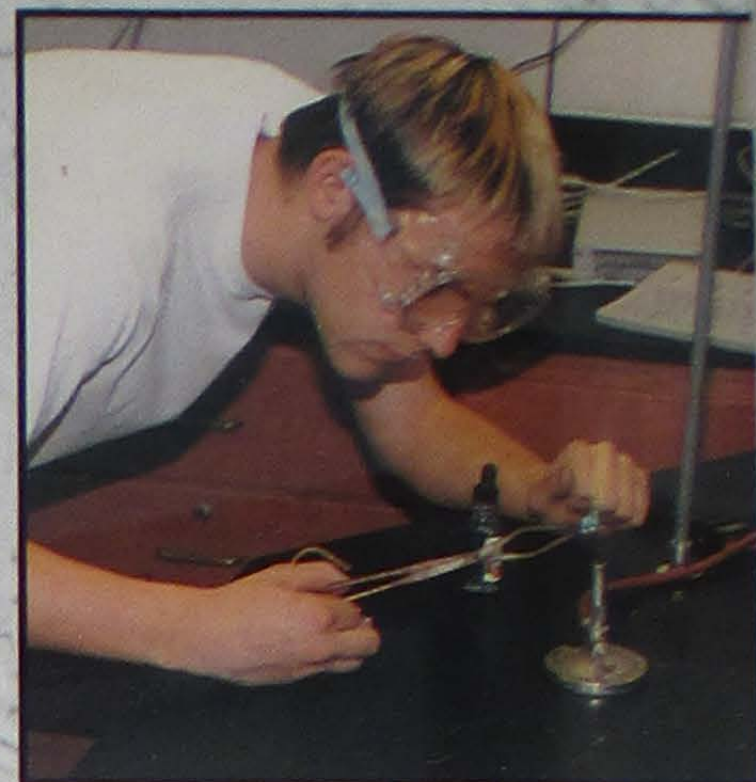




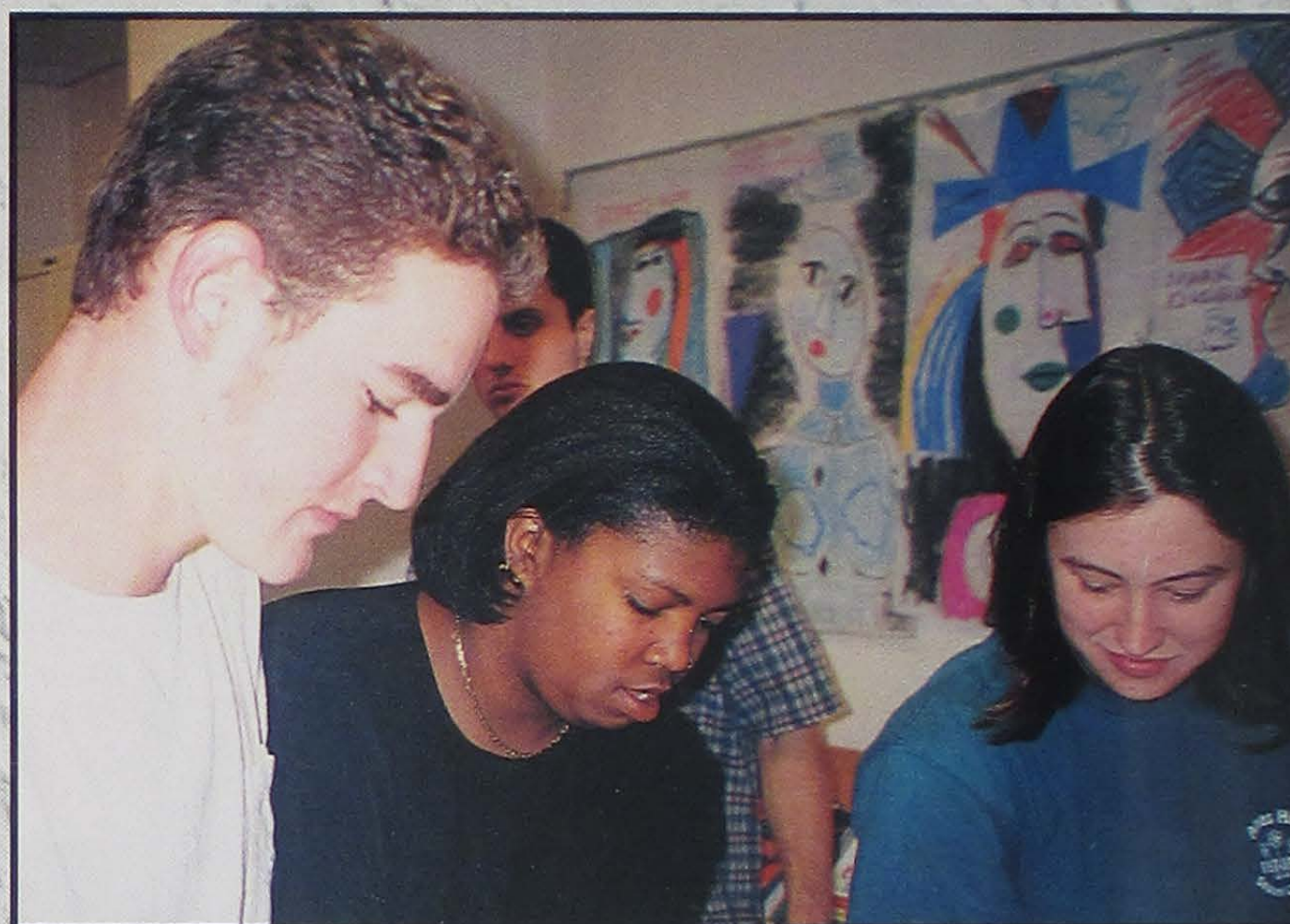
Juniors **Lindsey Wright**, **Ben Vilmain** and senior **Beau Biskner**, defy gravity and attach themselves to the ceiling of the foreign language wing. Some students got so bored during class they would make excuses to leave, then hang out in the halls doing strange, and daring feats of magic. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Dressed her best for a dance to Madonna's "Like a Prayer" senior **Megan Sweeney** is surprised by photographers. The Variety show, served as entertainment, and a fundraiser for welfare week. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Senior **Jess Clyde** receives oohs and ahhs from his classmates, as he demonstrates the green flame created by burning copper. Many seniors thought labs were the best part of their chemistry class. (photo by Houdy Khosravi)



Chow time came once more than usual on this day for seniors **BJ Carey**, **Stacie Dunlap** and **Sarah Kitchell**, the three along with the rest of their

classmates in Spanish enjoyed a treat during a fiesta. The parties were an added perk to taking a foreign language. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Striking a pose for fashion representatives Senior **Heather "bad-ass" McElvain** sports her referee uniform for the All-Stars I-ball game. (photo by Lydia Van Horn)

## 208h Senior Candid



Amused by the complete stupidity of the current Web article senior **Chris Jutting** laughs out loud. (photo by S. Chung)



In an effort to pass the time before class starts senior **Tina Jung** flips through the sports page. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Seniors **Mandy Noll**, **Nick Myers**, and **Leah Theesfield** check data they've collected during their chemistry lab. Many seniors looked forward to lab days, seeing them as a break

from the standard lectures and lessons. "Labs are great because we don't have to listen to our teacher lecture for an entire period," Myers said. (photo by Houdi Khosravi)



Senior **Roni Mukerjea** sits with Teresa Testroet in between tennis matches at the new tennis courts. The new courts al-

lowed more students to attend home meets and support their classmates. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Seniors **Sarah Kitchell** and **David Miller** practice for their dance at the terpsichore perfor-

mance. The dances were created and directed by students. (photo by Amy Chung)



Seniors **Jeff Hitchings** and **Brad Larson** steer their cardboard boat away from the side of the pool dur-

ing the regatta. The regatta served as a fundraiser as part of welfare week. (photo by Stacey Chung)

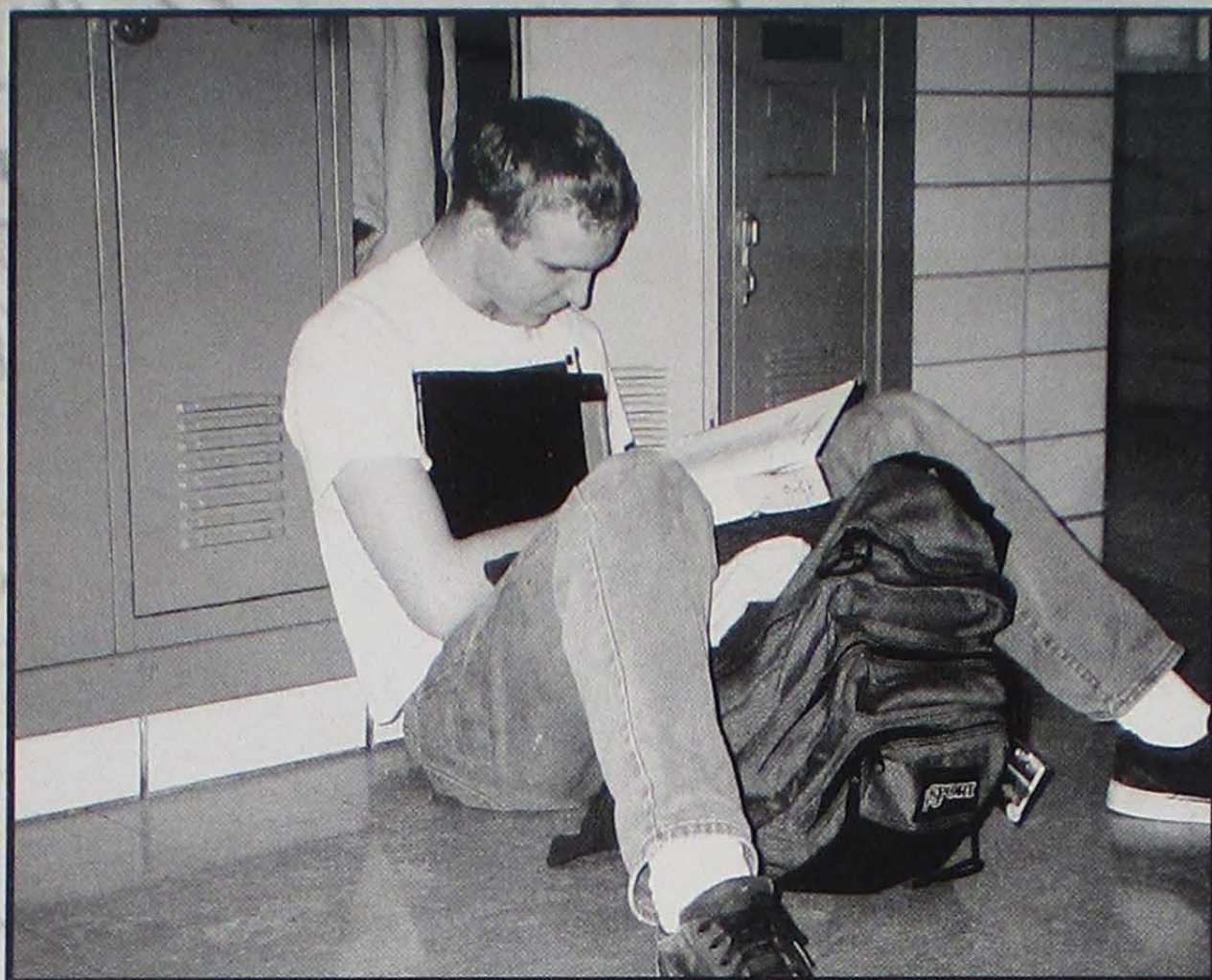


Senior males dressed in egyptian garb were recruited for the half-time show at the homecoming

game. The outfits were chosen to support the theme "Goin' Wild on the Nile." (photo by Mandi Hardy)



Senior **Adam Diesburg** takes time during one of his free periods to cram for a test. "It seems like teachers always try to put all of their tests on the same day," Diesburg said. "I always end up studying all night for one test and knowing nothing on another one." (photo by Stacy Chung)



Senior **Taylor Anderson** receives a little help on her swimming technique from coach **Nancy Svien**. "I really enjoyed swimming this year," Anderson said. "It taught me a lot about teamwork and what it means to be a part of a team." (photo by Matt Hardy)



Seniors **Erin Maysent** and **Michael Doran** look over their new yearbooks at the first ever yearbook signing party. "The party was fun," Doran said. "There was plenty of food which was a good way to get people to come." (photo by Brian Tenney)



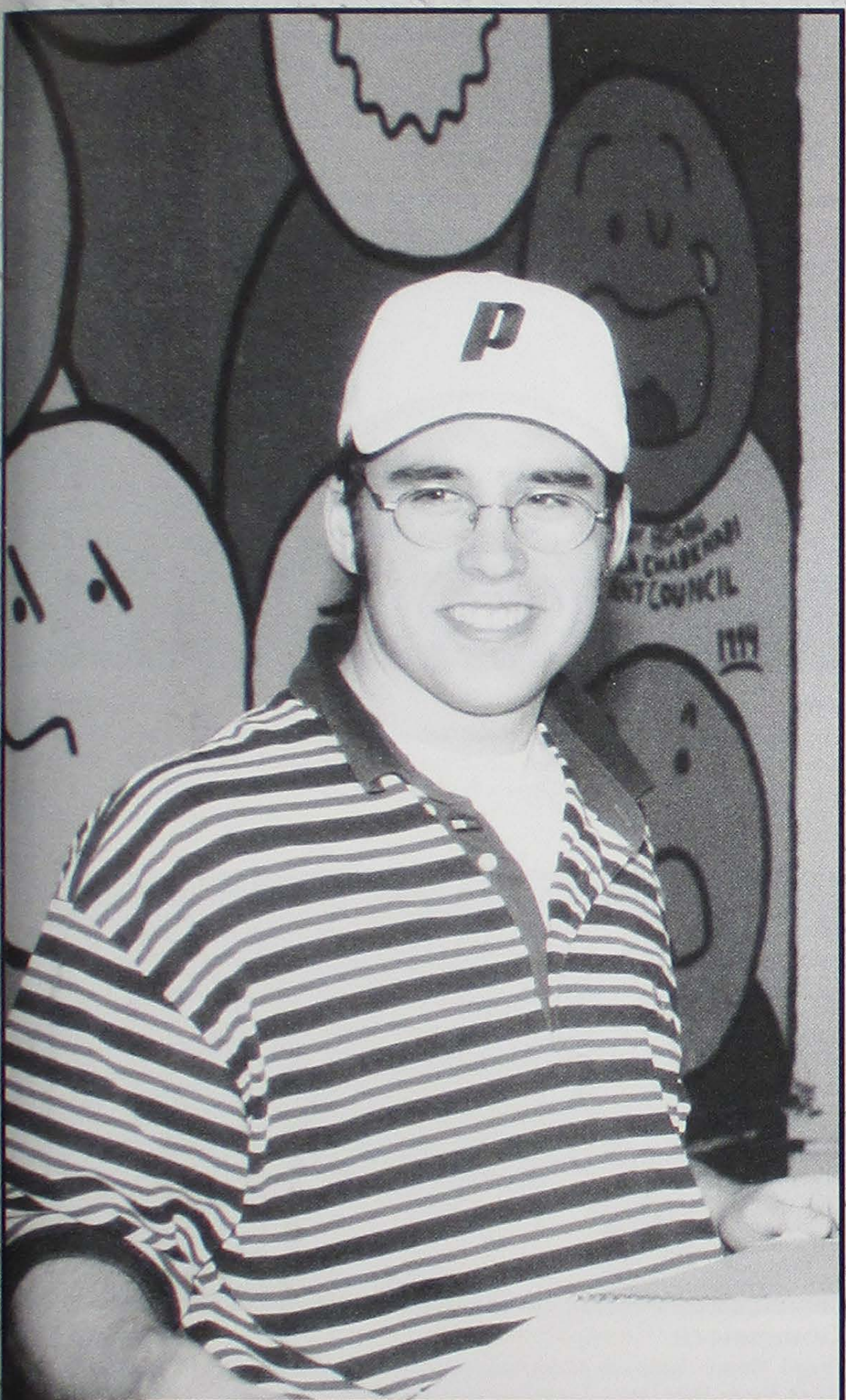
Senior **Bryan Allen** shows his stuff at choir tryouts. "I always try to do my best no matter if it is practice or the real deal," Allen said. "I don't appreciate people who take practice for granted. You never know when your voice may be gone." (photo by Stacy Chung)



Senior **Kristen Larson** gets stretched out before cheering on the basketball team. "I love cheerleading," Larson said. "It gives me a chance to meet a lot of new people." (photo by Brian Tenney)



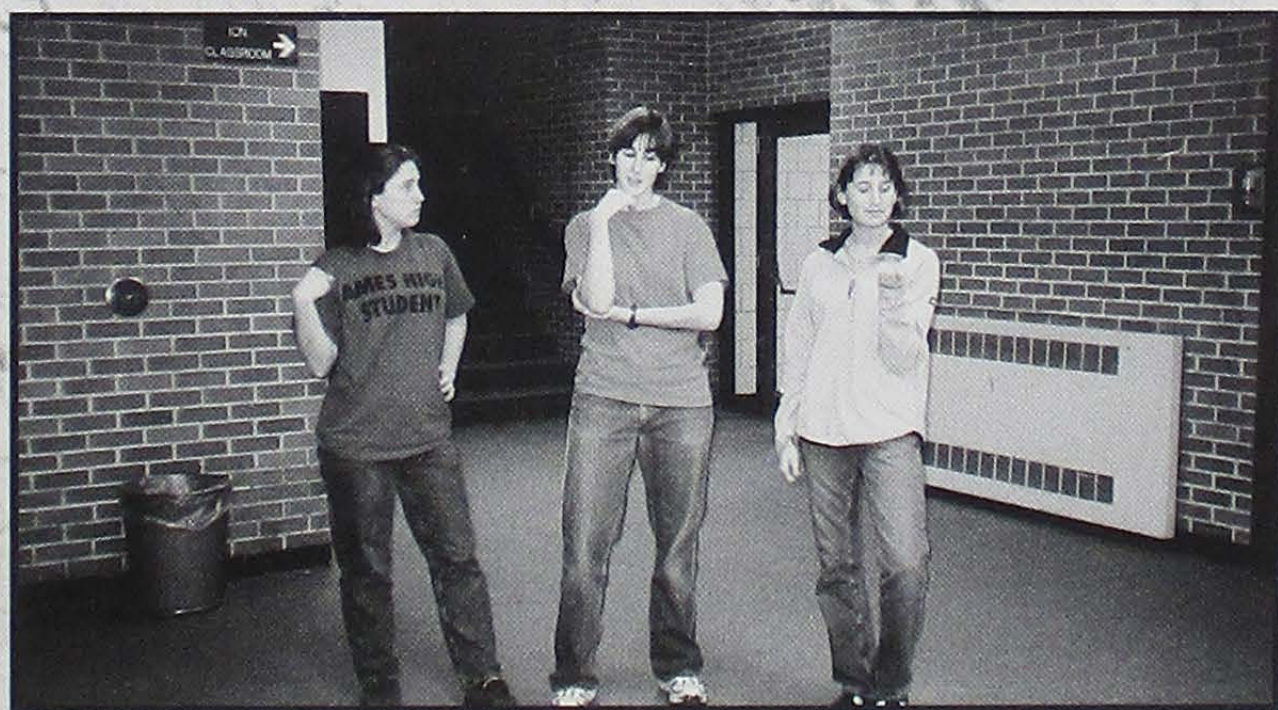
Seniors **Jared Hill, Nick Rahfaldt, and Tony Albaugh** do their own thing after an assembly. "We've always been considered clowns," Hill said. "But what we do isn't that weird." (photo by Stacy Chung)



Senior **Kyle Poorman** is distracted from his work in restricted study hall. "I tried to get restricted study hall because my girlfriend always had study hall in B-9," Poorman said.



Senior **Garrett Burrier** is stupified by the events of an assembly. "I have never seen anything so dumb in my entire life," Burrier said. "Assemblies this year seemed to get more boring every time. Pretty soon I just stopped going to them." (photo by Stacy Chung)



Seniors **Sarah Kitchell, Brenna Dougan, and Katie Doyle** have a private girl talk conversation in the hallway. "I love talking with my favorite girls," Kitchell said. "Sometimes we don't get much time at school so we have to take advantage of our opportunities." (photo by Amy Chung)



# FACULTY AND STAFF



## Administrators

Assistant Principal Mike Avise, Assistant Principal Diana Holdsworth  
Athletic Director Bud Legg, Principal Chuck Achter



## Accelerated Learning Program

Brent Helmkamp, Bobby Thompson, Allison DiBlassi, Sue Nebbe, Chuck Stevens



## Art

Dorothy Gugel, Sandy Quintero, Shelli Hassebrock, Susie Petra



## Business/Vocational

**Front Row:** William Lodermeier, Lynda Polston, Rose Wilcox, Joe Brend **Back Row:** Roger Jacobson, Linda Martens, Deb Fennelly, Darrill Abel, Craig Boylan



## Counselors

**Front Row:** Elizabeth Middleton, Allison DiBlassi, Jane Olson, Mike Wittmer **Back Row:** Dale Tramp, Larry Zwaggerman, Janet Olson, Leslie Maze, Mollie Mart



Secretary **Barb Peterson** folds her hands to pray the number of referrals lessens as the school year progresses. Mrs. Peterson made appointments for students, who were referred, to see disciplinarians. Most students were referred for tardies and unexcused absences. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Chemistry teacher **Ken Hartman** answers a question for senior **Jessica Wray** as she prepares for a quiz. Chemistry was a course which was taken by juniors and seniors planning to attend college and was considered one of the hardest classes offered by the high school. (photo by Stacey Chung)



English teacher **Cecilia Horner** searches for the test she is about to give her 10th grade Honors Literature class. "The sophomore year is a building year for most students. I'm glad I can help them start the foundation," Mrs. Horner said. (photo by Stacey Chung)



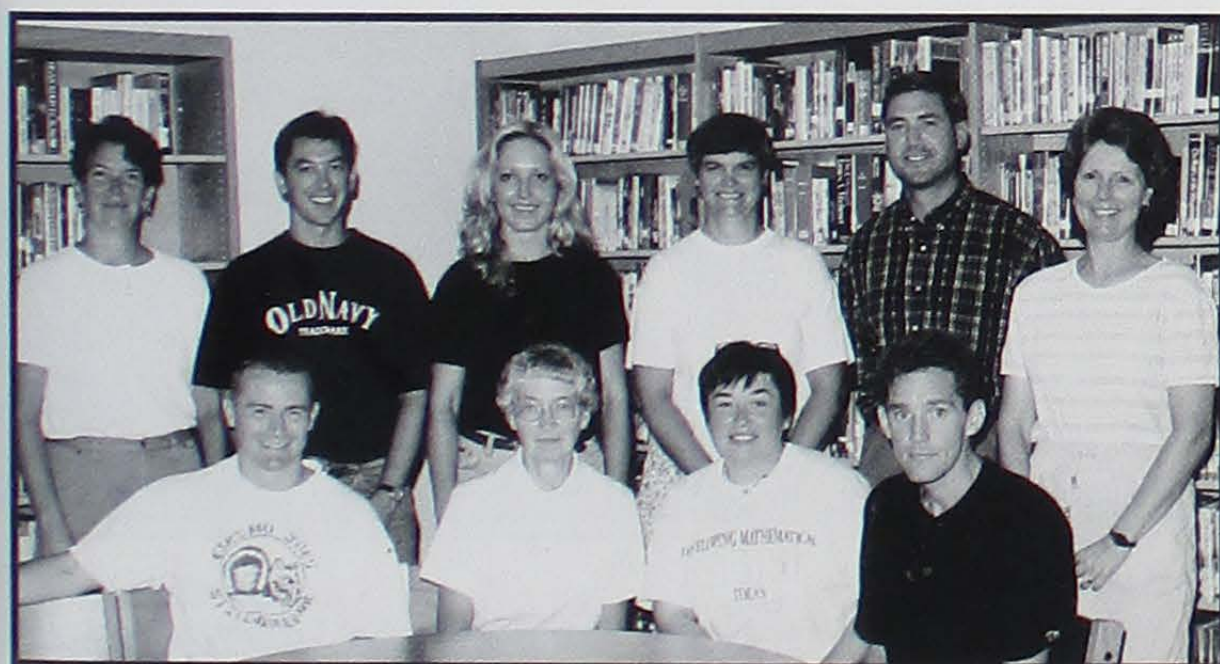
### English

**Front Row:** Sue Nebbe, LoAnn Campbell, Neelum Chaudry, Ann Junker, Marilyn Haynes **Back Row:** Tonja Brooks, Sean Sabo, Keith Carlson, Brent Helmkamp, Barb White, Julie Freed, Carl Pelzer, Cecilia Horner, John Forssman, Nancy Anton-Jensen, Darin Johnson



### Foreign Language

**Front Row:** Judy Carlson, Terri Mickelson, Sally Schonhorst, Toni Woodman **Back Row:** Jane Jurgensen, Sue Lawler, Barb Petersen



### Mathematics

**Front Row:** Troy Hill, Marilyn Hanson, Virginia Swenson, Todd Volstedt **Back Row:** Teresa Testroet, Warren Lofgren, Ellen Joensen, Judy Brunner, Mark Jurgensen, Thelma Maxwell



### Music

Homer Gartz, Steve Linn, Mary Kay Polashek, Karen Stewart, Chris Ewan





### Secretaries

**Front Row:** Nikki Wittmer, Susan Shields, Barbara Peterson, Phyllis Wirth **Back Row:** Kari Ellet, Janet Olson, Ann Stokka, Georgia Vondra, Cris Berger **Not pictured:** Bridgette McCarley



### Custodians

**Front Row:** Kathleen Johnson, Jeff Nordine **Back Row:** James Brockway, Doug Elliott, Vince Slmons **Not Pictured:** Sorn Somsanith, Lenny Leger, Bless Phone, Joh Nelson, Dung T. n, Irving Hannon



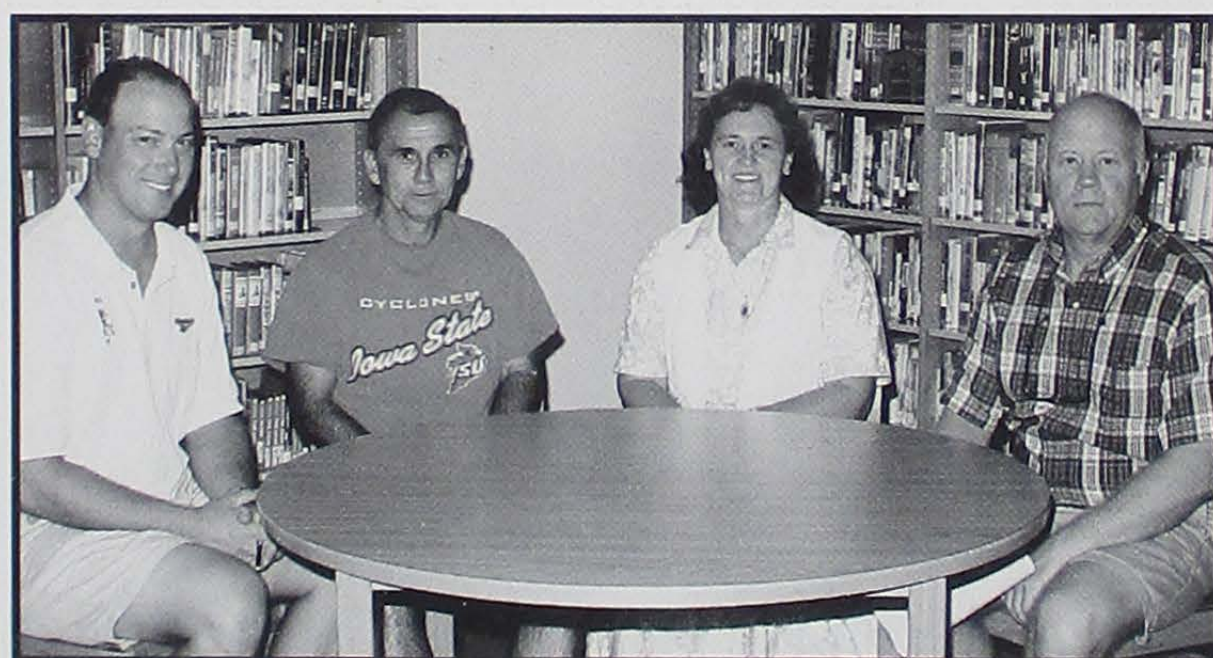
### Media Center

**Front Row:** Lilth Dorr, Ylene Longwell, Claver Hategekimana, Peggy Jacobsen, Carol Crawford **Back Row:** Heidi Dorr, Laura Kain, Kathryn Serby, Pam Shill, Ken Cassidy, Ellen Arkovich **Not pictured:** Kirsti Place



### Food Service

**Front Row:** Joyce Bowers, Sharlene Sullivan, Jamie Holland, Paula Miller, Cher Ott **Back Row:** Pat McMillen, Carla Mulvaney, Shirley hulse, Judy Hopson, Ru Alber, Oleta Dass, Marcia Law, Sharon Mott, Char Campbell **Not pictured:** Ma Mahoney, Elaine Anderson



### Physical Education

Andy Bruemmer, Bob Heiberger, Mary Kautzky, Mike Wittmer



### Science

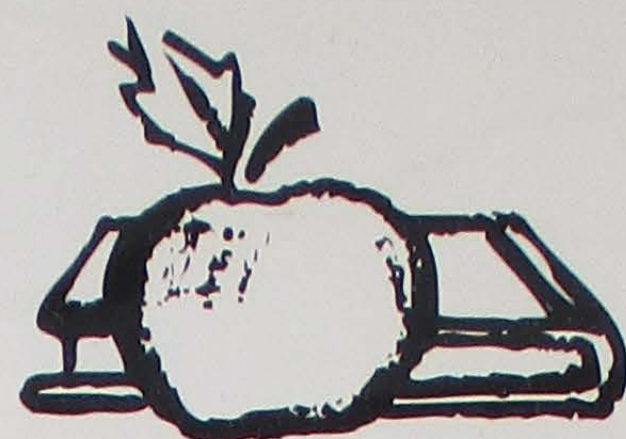
**Front Row:** Alan Junck, Russ Pixler, Aileen Sullivan, Kim Burnett, Mike Lazere **Back Row:** Jeff Dilks, Kirk Schmaltz, Ken Hartman, Bob Gibbons, Harold Dorr, Jack Troegger, Mike Peterson, Nancy Svien



No one could turn back the hands of time and with the end of the century fast approaching, all we could do was take...

# One Last Look

by Tonja Brooks



"Every fall, coming back to school is exciting for me. I can never predict what will happen. There is always the possibility of something completely new," English teacher **Keith Carlson** said. Carlson who has taught in the English department since 1972, has taken the opportunity, with the coming of the new millenium, to reflect on how things used to be. "I can't say that the students have really changed that much in their attitudes and beliefs. I think what frightened a seventeen or eighteen year old twenty years ago, still scares the youth of today."

However, throughout the years, teaching styles and the possibilities of how to teach children have become endless. With the introduction of technology into schools over ten years ago, the opportunities for teachers have become limitless.

"With the use of the internet, you can reach students across the world. It was something that was impossible only a few years ago. Now, I can have my students communicate with anyone and ask questions to students about their cultures that I may not have been able to answer," second year Spanish teacher **Jane Juregensen** said. "Besides, the kids absolutely love it!"

The goal of any educator is to make the learning experience enjoyable and at the same time beneficial. Teachers want to provide their students with the necessary tools so they can succeed in any facet of life and not be frightened by challenges which may come their way.

"I want to give my students what they need and desire. I want them to find passion in their work and to learn what they want to be themselves through the stories of others. There is nothing to be frightened of if one knows himself," social studies teacher **Chuck Stevens** said. Stevens, a first year teacher in the department, found that his enthusiasm about the subject matter was transferred to students through presentations and role playing. "I like for them to look into themselves and see how they would handle situations. I think they learn best when it is their own life they are looking out for."

With the passing of a thousand years, the time spent in learning institutions seems like the blink of an eye, but to many students their time at Ames High is coming to an end and they will be setting out into the real world all too soon.

"I can't believe I have been here for four years. I am excited to get on with my future, but I have truly become a different person over the last eight semesters," senior **Julie VanSlyke** said. "I am hesitant about graduating because I will have to start all over again and be a freshman again and get to know all new people again, but I am also looking forward to the challenge."

The challenge exists within us all as the millenium comes to a close. What will the future hold and what changes will we all encounter? These challenges will come in all shapes and forms, whether it be in dealing with school related issues, national issues, or world issues. Staff, students, and administration alike will have to face the coming of the year 2000 with only the experiences of the past as guidance.

So whether a freshman or senior, a veteran teacher or a first year educator, an administrator or a school board member, we all will have to take one last look and evaluate what we have done with our lives and what we want to make of the years yet to be. Time will continue to pass as will the inevitable change which comes with it and we will all continue to look back...and smile.



## Social Studies

**Front Row:** Dennis Cullinan, Lori Stephenson, Kirsten Sullivan, Spencer Esslinger, Leigh Randall **Back Row:** Kirk Daddow, Jim Duea, Rich White, Joel Sullivan, Chuck Stevens, Carolyn Bolinger



## Special Education

**Front Row:** Janet Mickelson, Diane Larson, Mary Wauson, Jerry Vos, Leonard Larson **Middle Row:** Lucy Carey, Candy Albaugh, Sharon Morford, Linda VanVoorhis, Ann Lee, Reggie Greenlaw **Back Row:** Tracy Rial, Bruce Vertanen, Mary Mekensen, Steve Hosch, Vance Downs





Senior cross country buddies take time to pose for one final photo as high school cross country runners. (photo by Stacey Chung)

again this year the yearbook staff offered baby ads to the parents of seniors. for the first time we also offered a new type of ad, the friendship ad, was offered to all students. you're response was so large that we had to add eight additional pages to the book just for these ads. enjoy.

## Friendship and Baby Ads

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# Yesterdays and Used-to-Be's

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"Emily Jean,  
... now it is your time to  
live. You are perched upon  
the juncture point of memory  
and hope... Take dew jewels  
from the wheat; claim the  
velvet meadows, the silver  
sky."



For Emily, 1981,  
from Grandpa Blakely  
We love you! Mom, Dad, and Andy

## Jamie Kearney



Thanks for the memories--  
the best are yet to come. We  
are very proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad



## Lisa-

Enjoy life and keep on dancin' in a  
frying pan!  
With love & pride,  
Mom, Dad, and Sarah

## Michael Shrum



*We tried to block the clock- but  
you grew up anyway.*  
We love you,  
Mom and Dad

Heather,  
We loved the little  
girl you were. We  
love the young  
women you've  
become.  
Mom, Dad, Eddie,  
& Melissa



**Congratulations  
Seth Shepherd,**  
You've added so  
much SONshine to  
our life! The best of  
everything.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Blake



## Steven,

From preschool to high  
school- the years went  
so fast! We're very  
proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

## Patricia



We hope  
you reach  
your  
dreams.  
We're proud  
of you and  
love you.



Dad, Mom, Dennis,  
Kristina, Chantal,  
and Natasha





**Congratulations, Kiwhoon!**  
Best wishes in what you  
want to become. Our love  
and support are with you  
always.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Jessica



*Kyle Schilling*  
Your accomplishments  
are many. Continue to  
jump high, run fast, stay  
in tune, pursue your pas-  
sion for numbers, and  
smile!  
Your proud family



**Congratulations Carlie!**

We're proud of you.

Keep smiling!

Love,  
Mom and Dad

"If you can fill the  
unforgiving minute with  
sixty seconds' worth of  
distance run-- yours is  
the Earth and every-  
thing that's in it."

Rudyard Kipling  
Congratulations John!  
Love, Mom, Dad, &  
Mike



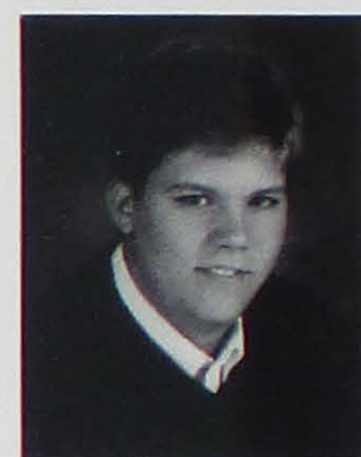
Kristi fills our hearts  
with pride. As a  
child, she strived to  
swing high. Today  
she reaches high  
toward her per-  
sonal goals.  
Oceans of love  
Dad & Cindy

*Jamie Renae Voss*



*Thank you for the happiness  
your presence has brought into  
our lives.*

*We love you,  
Mom and Dad*



**Congratualaions Jeremy!**

You make us very proud. We wish  
you continued happiness and success  
as you pursue your dreams.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Kelli

**Lydia,**

Beacon of hope, dedica-  
tion, leadership, possing  
skills, empowering suc-  
cess, saluting focus,  
persistance, desire. "Losing  
your light" we remorse.  
Celebrating you accom-  
plishment we rejoice.

RLG



**LIVE YOUR  
DREAMS!**

LOVE,  
MOM AND DAD

**EMILY RICHEY**



**YOU ARE A SPECIAL  
PERSON. WE WISH YOU  
LOVE, HAPPINESS, AND  
SUCCESS IN YOUR  
FUTURE.**

**LOVE,  
MOM, DAD, AND COLIN**



Congratulations to  
our #1 son, Cameron.  
We love you and are  
proud of you!

Mom, Dad, and Bri



"I find the greatest thing in the world is not so much where we stand as in the direction we are moving."

We wish you all the best as you  
"move on" . . .

A black and white portrait of a young boy with curly hair, smiling, wearing a striped polo shirt. The background is dark and textured.

May all your dreams come true. We're proud of you!

A black and white photograph of two young girls, likely the author and her sister, smiling and wearing matching outfits. They are both wearing light-colored shirts with ruffled collars and dark overalls. The girl on the left has short, dark hair with bangs, and the girl on the right has slightly longer, wavy hair with bangs. They are both looking towards the camera.





### CHRISTOPHER

We're so proud of you! May your dreams be fulfilled.

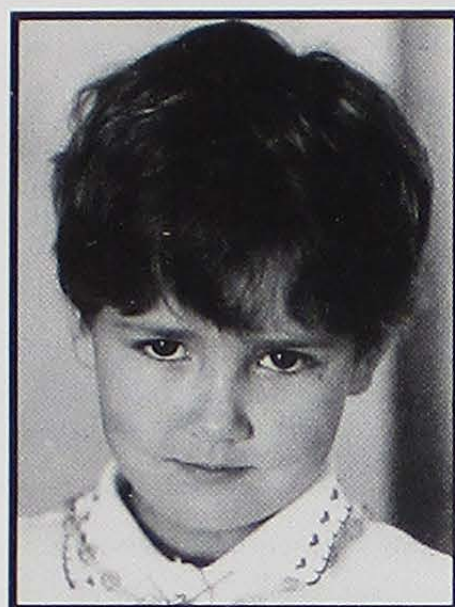
*Love Always,  
Mom, Dad, Stephen,  
Kristina & Michael*

*Good luck in  
all you do.  
We love you.  
Dad, Mom,  
Tom, Deanna, &  
Chammie*



**Tony,**  
Your "spark" has brightened  
our lives. Always remember  
the wisdom of Pastor Krieg  
and listen to your heart. Great  
things are in store for you.

**Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Andrew**



**Wherever your journey  
takes you next.  
Safari Niema!**

Much love from, Mom, Dad, Peter  
and Rob

### Congratulations Jeff!

We are proud of  
you and wish you  
happiness and  
success.

Love, Mom &  
Matt, Dad & Nora



*We have been  
totally blessed as  
parents. Who  
could ask for  
more? We wish  
you great success  
at Iowa.*

*Love, Mom & Dad*



*Proverbs 16:3*

*Commit to the Lord  
whatever you do, and  
your plans will succeed  
We love you Lesia.*

## KATIE BABE!!!



**Life is just  
one big  
dress up.  
Have fun and  
never stop  
dancin'.**



**HUGS AND KISSES  
MOM AND DAD**

**We're proud of you, Bill!**



*"Try not to become a man of  
success but rather. . . a man of  
virtue."*

*-Albert Einstein  
Love, Mom & Dad*



## *Congratulations, Shannon!*



*May you find as much happiness in life as you've  
given us for the past eighteen years.*

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*

Sarah Gemmill

"Commit to the Lord  
whatever you do, and your  
plans will succeed."

Proverbs 16:3

We love you!

Dad, Mom, and Matt



Brad,  
Wishing you  
continued suc-  
cess.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Kevin



Congratulations Hannah!



ESPN is saving a seat for you at the  
Sports Center anchor desk.

We'll see you there!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Jonathan



To our  
Miss Molly"

We've shared so many  
precious memories.

Congratulations!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jason

Elizabeth Volkers

We are proud of you!  
Follow your dreams  
and know that you  
always have our love  
and support.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



## Luke,

May your life be as  
happy as a little boy  
with a lap full of kit-  
tens.

Love,  
Mom and Dad





**Lori,**

We are very proud of you and wish you much happiness. Keep smiling and let your golden ideas guide you.

Love always,  
Mom, Dad, Karen, & Ashley

Emily and Nicholas,  
You both  
have  
come  
such a  
long  
way!



All our love  
Mom, Dad, Matt,  
and Tim

Brent,  
You have worked hard  
and are ready for the  
challenges ahead. We  
are proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Leslie &  
Ross



SARAH,  
WE ARE PROUD OF THE  
PERSON YOU ARE. FOL-  
LOW YOUR DREAMS!  
LOVE,  
DAD, MOM, DON, BRAD,  
AND KRISTIN

**Nathaniel Ginder  
#79**



We've admired your motivation and discipline in academics and sports—always pursued with wit and humor. We're energized by your achievements.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, & Derek



KEVIN,  
FOLLOW YOUR  
DREAMS AND KEEP  
YOUR MILLION DOL-  
LAR SMILE! OUR LOVE  
AND SUPPORT IS WITH  
YOU ALWAYS.  
LOVE,  
MOM, DAD, ANGIE,  
AND JASON

Congratulations Cathy!  
We're proud of the young  
woman you've become—  
Intelligent, Talented,  
Beautiful, Fun, & Loving.  
Pursue your dreams!

Love,  
Mom and Jon



**Kyle,**  
Wishing you  
many adven-  
tures.  
Love always,  
Dad, Mom, and  
Dara

"Take charge of your  
life. You can do with it  
what you will."  
Plato-  
Congratulations &  
Godspeed!  
Love, Dad, Mom, &  
Megan



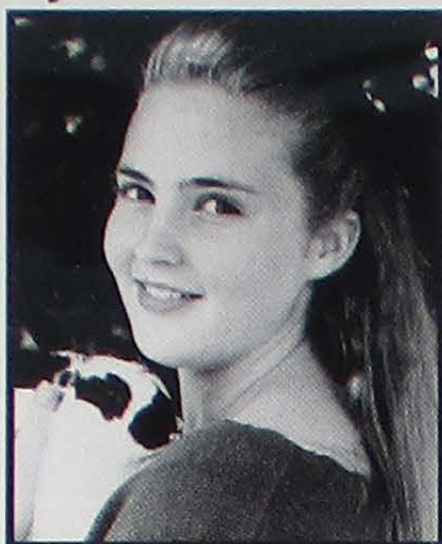




## Shara Lynn Chapman

Remember in your journey ahead that  
"what you are is God's gift to you;  
what you make of it is your gift to  
God."

-Anthony Dalla Villa



The Lord gave us a special  
blessing when He brought us  
you. We love you very much!  
Dad and Mom



Congratula-  
tions &  
Good luck,  
Kayla!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Megan

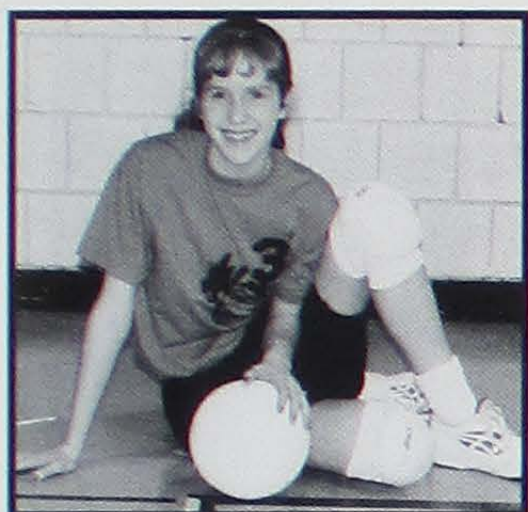


Brock...

*"In all your ways ac-  
knowledge Him, and He  
will direct your path."*

*Proverbs 3:6*

*We love you,  
Mom, Dad, & Ben*



We've enjoyed watching  
you develop into a good  
volleyball player. Thanks  
for the memories.  
Mom and Dad



To Mitty-  
Hey what can I say!  
I'm gonna miss you  
so much. Not to  
mention I'll be lost  
without you!  
Luv, Kari

## Congratulations, Houdy!



*You are the sun-  
shine in our lives.  
Just believe in  
yourself and follow  
your dreams and  
your heart. The  
future is yours!*



*Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Sasha, and  
Topol*



Sarah,  
May your future be bright  
and shining and filled with  
chocolate! We love you  
big bunches!  
Mom, Dad, and Rachel

*WAY TO GO  
AMBER!  
LOVE,  
MOM, DAD,  
& RYAN*

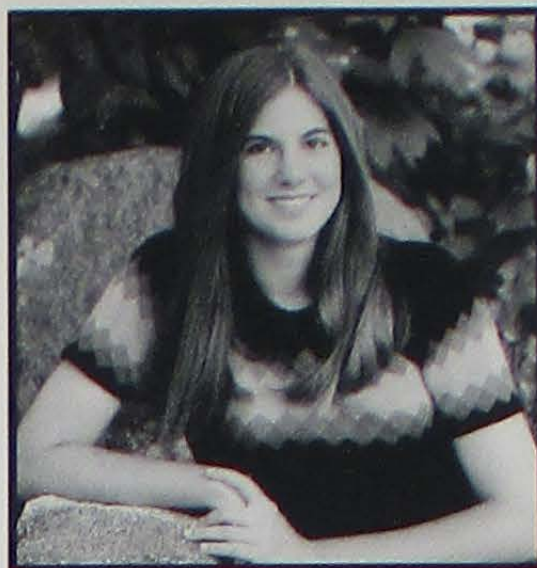


CONGRATULATIONS,  
ERIN!  
YOU'VE BROUGHT  
SUCH JOY TO OUR  
LIVES. MAY SUCCESS  
BE YOURS IN ALL YOU  
DO. WE LOVE YOU!  
MOM, DAD, ANDY,  
AND BRETT





**Congratulations  
Stacey!**  
May all your wishes  
come true.  
Love always,  
Mom, Dad, Amy,  
Jenny, and Anthony



**Congratulations  
Christine!**



We are so proud of you and wish you  
success and happiness in all you do!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Mark, and Carol

Jamie Beth-  
Your independence  
and sense of accom-  
plishment have  
always brought us  
such joy. Our love  
and strength go with  
all that you are.  
Love- Your Family



**Congratulations Brigham!**  
Listen to your heart and follow  
your dreams.  
We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Rob, Chris, and  
Ashley

In all you ways ac-  
knowledge Him and  
He will direct your  
path.  
Proverbs 3:6  
We love you!

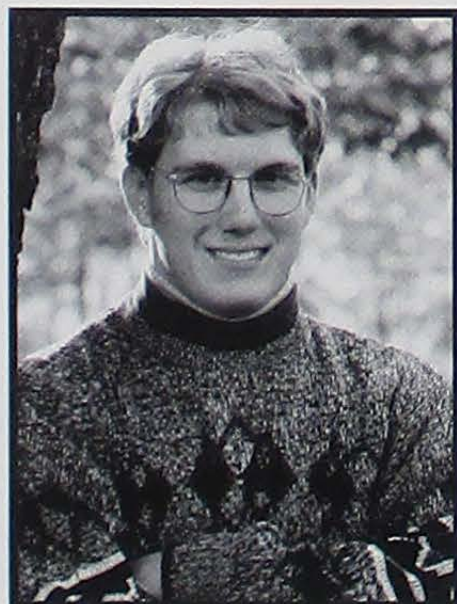


*Missy Ridnour*  
Congratulations on all  
your high school  
accomplishments. We're  
so proud of you and wish  
you happiness always!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Ryan &  
Mitchell



**ER, Bear,**  
**You are a delight! We wish**  
**you God's peace and grace**  
**in all your endeavors.**  
**Keep Dreaming!**  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Carl, David, and  
Bentley

**Adam,**



We wish you  
success, we  
wish you happi-  
ness, our love  
and support are  
with you always.  
Thank you for  
your love.



We love you, Son,  
Mom, Dad, Valerie,  
and Eric



"One voice, all it takes is one  
voice, and everyone will  
sing."  
As always,  
Love from Mom, Anna, &  
Claire



-RYAN-

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN STRIVING FOR BALANCE. AS YOU STEP INTO THE WORLD BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL, WE KNOW YOUR ENTHUSIASM, TALENT, HUMOR, AND SENSITIVITY WILL SERVE YOU WELL IN ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS. THANKS FOR THE JOY YOU BRING TO US.

LOVE,  
MOM, GERRY, AND LAURA

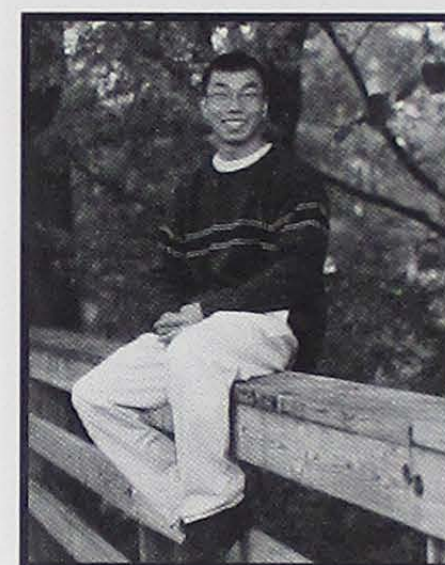


Nick Myers  
Congratulations!

We love you and are very proud of you. "Hold on to Instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life."

Proverbs 4:13

Love,  
Mom & Dad



**Congratulation  
Jill!**



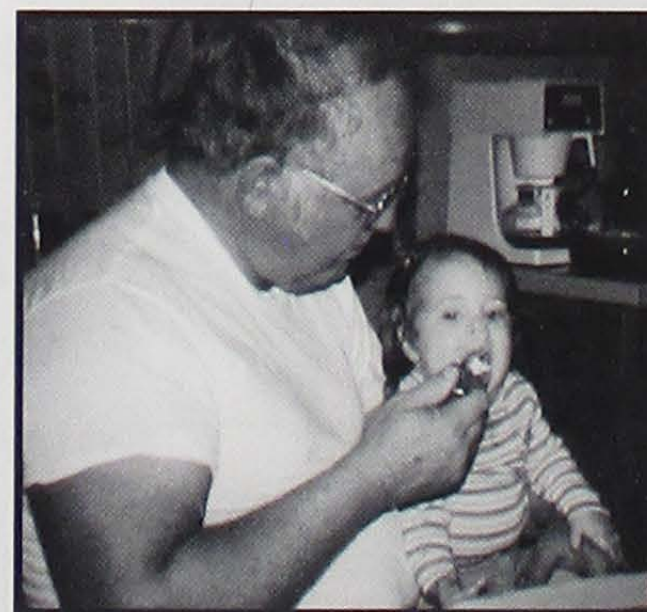
**We are so proud of  
you. May all your  
hopes and dreams  
come true.**

**Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Alan**



*Congratulation  
and Good luck  
Dad, Mom, and Sisters*

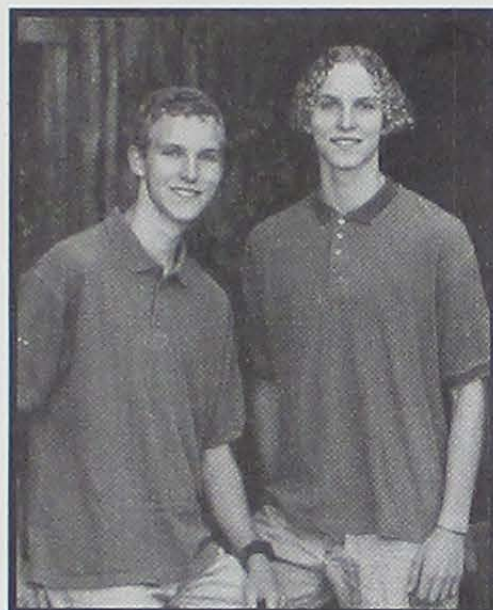
*Remember to follow the  
yellow brick road. . . .*







*Adam and Jeff,  
You have given us  
Double the laughter,  
Double the trouble,  
Double the joy, and  
Double the love.  
Good luck and God Bless!  
Love Mom and Steven*



*Katie Rose Doyle*

*The girl with the*

*S  
M  
I  
L  
E*



*Even though you've already faced many adversities in your life, you've never lost that beautiful smile. Remember that your life is not determined by what happens to you, but how you react to what happens to you; not by what life brings you, but the attitude you bring to life.*

*We love you,  
Mom & Dad*



**Congratulations J.C.!**

**We are so proud of you! Thank you for being a great son, brother, and friend. Our love and support are with you always.**

**LOVE YOU!**

**Mom, Dad, & Nick**

**SHAWNE,  
"MAY YOU ALWAYS  
HAVE A SMILE ON YOUR  
FACE AND LAUGHTER IN  
YOUR HEART."**



**CONGRATULATIONS!  
WE LOVE YOU.  
MOM, DAD, AND  
RENEE**







**CONGRATULATIONS  
CHRIS!**

**LOVE,  
DAD, MOM, AND ANN**



**Ben Grotewald,  
Congratulations!**

You have been a model son,  
and we are so proud of you.  
Good luck in New York City  
this summer and at Simpson  
College in the fall.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Sam



**Congratulations  
Andy!**

Thanks for the adventure!  
You've made home the bestest  
place to be.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Alison



**Sing to the  
Lord a new  
Song, for He  
has done  
Marvelous  
things.  
Psalms 9  
8:1**

Andrea,  
You are truly a joy!  
Our love always, in all you do,  
Mom, Dad, Derek, and Alicia







## To our "Jenny Joy"

*The time has come for us to share you with the rest of the world. spread your joy that you have so freely given all of your life. Embrace life. Be happy. And remember that we will always love you.*  
Mom, Dad, Katie, & John



## CONGRATULATIONS, NATHAN!

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. . ."  
Isaiah 40:31

You are a special part of our family. We're so proud of you and excited about your future.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Eric, & Andrea



## Congratulations Leah

*May your life be like a finally tuned instrument upon which the Master Musician creates a melody that brings peace to all that may hear.*



We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments. Remember: "What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God."

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Gretchen, & Charles



# Fall Sophomore Cheer Squad







**"Learn all there is to learn, and then choose your own path." - Geo. F. Handel**

**To My Friends: Success, Health, & Happiness to All.  
Keep in touch. --Ed**



**"You have brains in your head, You  
have feet in your shoes, You can steer  
yourself in any direction you choose.  
You're on your own, And you know  
what you are, And YOU are the one  
who'll decide where to go."  
Theodore S. Geisel**



**Congratulations, Ryan Paul  
All our love always,  
Mom, Dad, and Neena**



**Congratulations  
Krissy!**

**Love,  
Mom, Dad, &  
Morgan**





*Favorite people, favorite places, favorite memories of the past... These are the joys of a lifetime... These are the things that last.*



ANDI & CHRISTINE '99  
THROUGH GOOD  
TIMES AND BAD.

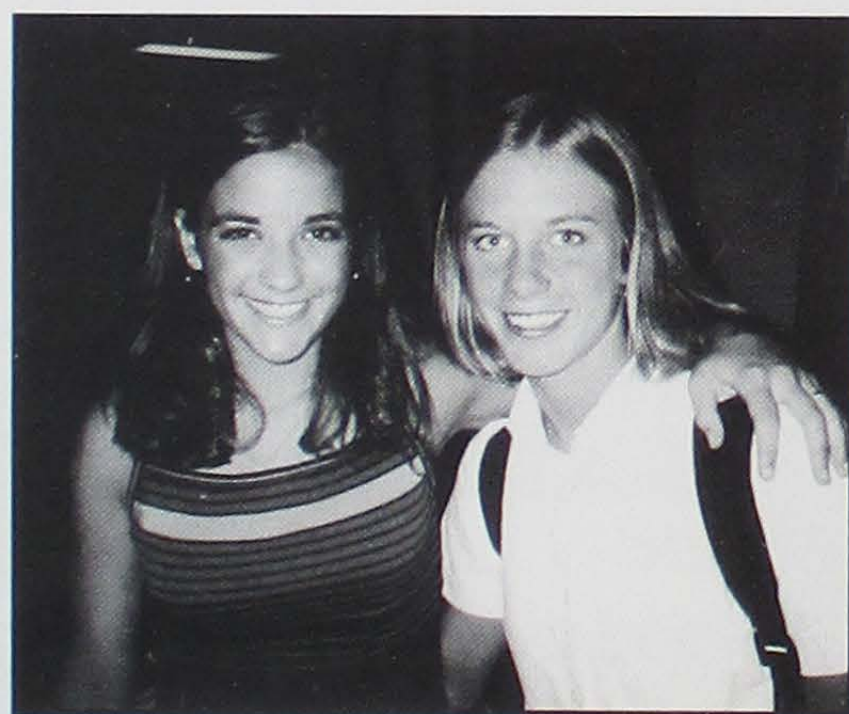


*I'll like you for always!*





Friends are not chosen they are earned  
Through tests trials and bridges burned  
So all hail to the good times  
Cause rockin's got the right of way



*"Some people come into our lifes leave footprints on our heart and we are never the same."  
From 2nd grade until forever, you will always be my best friend.  
-Julie*





*Beth Clarke*  
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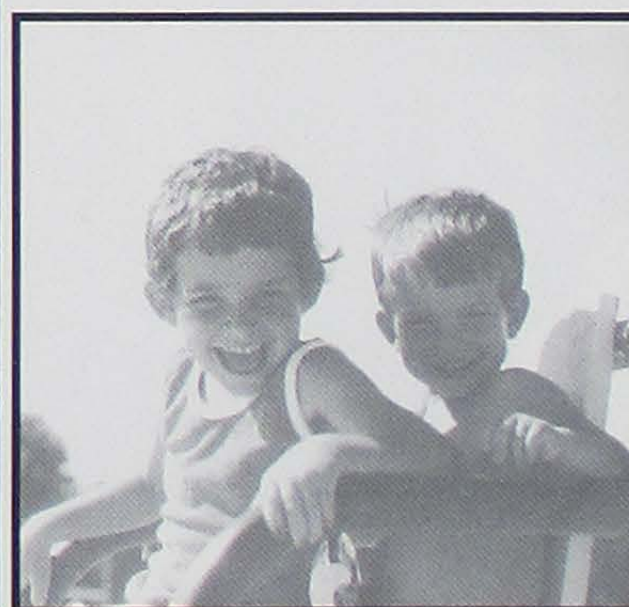
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ROW 2: EMILY WIERSON, KEARY MCHUGH, ERIN GALLAGHER, ALLISON HOLM

## REMEMBER THE MEMORIES



AMBER, NICK, JENNY, JOEL,  
CHRISTINE

**GOOD LUCK IN THE FUTURE!**



Always remember who you are  
and what you want. Don't let  
your fears block the dreams in  
your heart.  
Your sister,  
Lydia



# Katherine Lane Ross

May the road rise  
up to meet you.  
May the wind be  
always at your  
back.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Kayce,  
We are proud of you.  
Thanks for all the  
wonderful memories!  
We love you!  
Mom, Dad, & Bryan



Sam-  
Rise above the clouds and  
the Master pilot will guide  
you over the turbulence.  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Mary, & Ben



Aryn,  
You're still #1 with  
us! Follow your  
dreams and reach  
for the stars.  
We love you very  
much,  
Mom & Brady



Michelle Maxwell

We know He has  
plans for you-- to  
prosper you, to  
give you hope  
and a future.  
Love you!  
Dad, Mom, &  
Matthew



Allyson Prater,  
May you blossom as  
the rose and may  
your life be filled with  
happiness! We love  
you lots!  
Dad, Mom, Brittany,  
& Sebastian



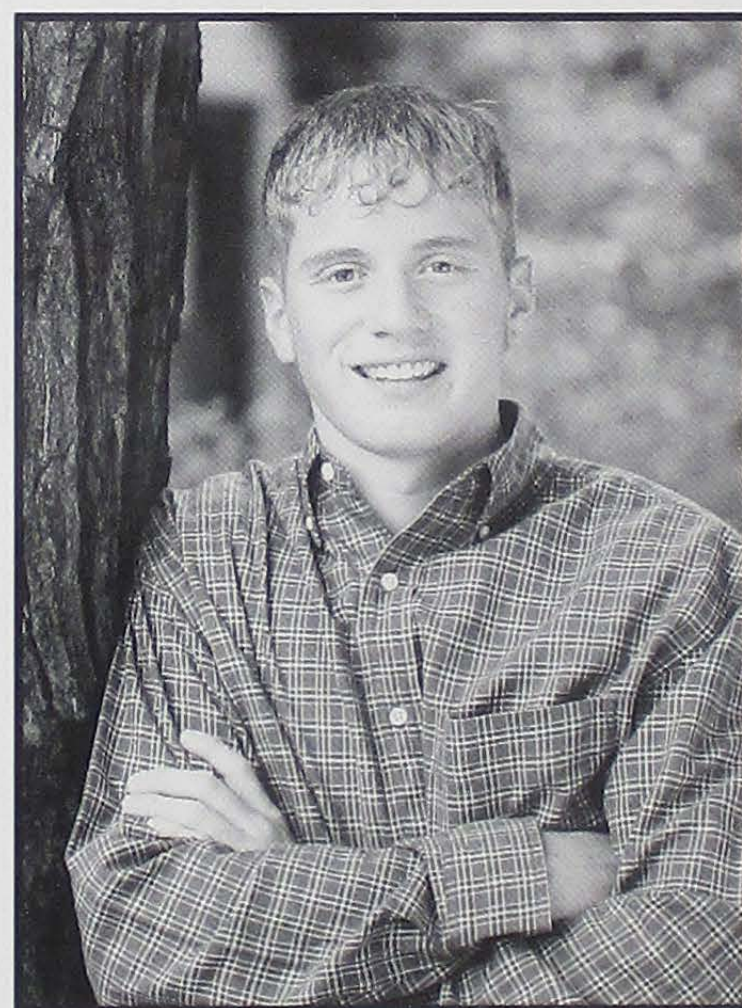
Heather,  
They that wait upon  
the Lord shall renew  
their strength; they  
shall mount up with  
wings as eagles.  
Isaiah 40:31



Stuart-

Each of life's journeys begins with a first step into the  
unknown. May you always follow your dreams, Stuart,  
and have the courage to take that step.

With Love and Pride,  
Mom & Dad







## Courtney

You have blessed our lives  
in so many ways. Thank  
you-- for being you.  
Love, Mom, Dad, &  
Stephanie

Keary  
Congratulations on not an  
ending but a new beginning.



You will always be our  
little parducci.  
Love,  
Mom, Kate, and Dad

## David Lastine



We are very proud of you.  
Always keep that positive  
attitude.  
Mom & Dad



Kira,  
We're proud of who you  
are. Continue to believe in  
yourself and success and  
happiness will come your  
way.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Congratulations, Julie!



We've been blessed. Thank  
you for giving us so much love  
and happiness!  
Love, Mom, Dad, and Amy



Elizabeth J. Osendorf  
You are a gift to us all!  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Jesse, Molly,  
Matthew



"The more you, the more you know."  
Pam Shill, Peggy Jacobson, Carol  
Crawford, Ylene Longwell, Ken Cassady,  
Heidi Dorr, ClaverHategekimana, Laura  
Kain, Ellen Arkovich, Kathryn Serby,  
Lilith Dorr, Kristi Place (absent)



Congratulations, Michael!  
May you always soar with  
the Eagles.  
We're proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Karen



Kristin,  
You were a miracle when  
you were born and con-  
tinue to bless us with your  
great smile, personality  
and loving nature.  
We love you very much!  
Mom & Dad



The Carey Five--  
Ames High grads  
and  
Friends for life!  
B.J. '99  
Lindsay '97, Ryan '93, Amy '92,  
Kim '89  
We are proud of you!  
Love, Mom and Dad





## Congratulations, Brian!

Your shining smile  
and winning person-  
ality will take you far.  
The best is yet to  
come! Wishing you  
much love, happi-  
ness, and success.  
Mom, Dad, and  
Michelle



Dear Kristi,  
I'm so proud you  
are my daughter!  
You have brought  
much happiness in  
our family.  
Love you,  
Mom



## Congratulations Mark!

It's been a wild  
ride.  
Our love always,  
Mom, Dad, and  
Melanie



## The beginning Naturalist!



May you never lose  
your dream.

Love,  
Mom



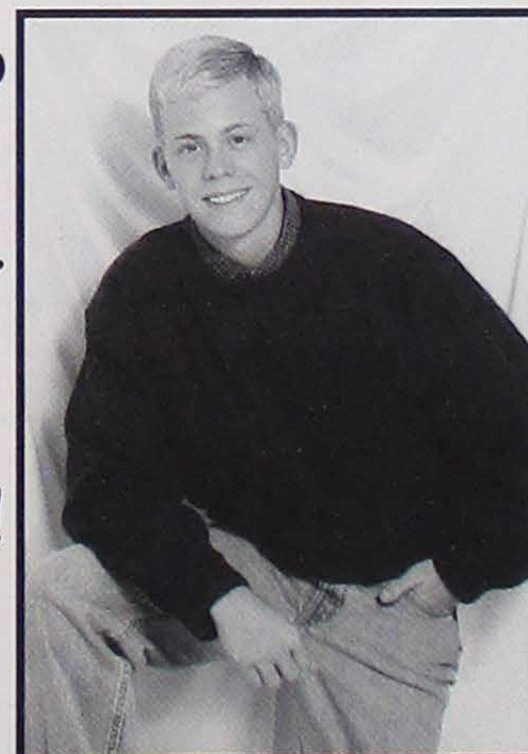
Spencer Mickelson  
Remember monarchs and  
blackswallowtails? Now  
it's your turn to spread  
your wings and soar!  
We're so proud of you!

Love forever,  
Mom, Dad, Melly,  
Bath, & Danny

Way to go  
Bugga!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
B and N



Ben,  
From first day to  
last, and now at  
a new beginning.  
... you've made  
us very proud.  
Congratulations!  
Love always,  
Mom, Dad, &  
Brian





We are so proud of you, Alli!



Congratulations!

May all the paths you follow on your "Wonderful Journey" lead to happiness. . . Remember you are not alone.

Love always, Crockett and Munkie



-Robbie-

A friend everyone enjoyed being around,

A person whom everyone liked,  
A pal that I'm glad was my best friend  
You are missed!

Love, Troy



Natalie Jade,

Remember, "look both ways before you cross the road."

Love Always,

Dad, Mom, and Danielle Li



*"Somebunny" deserves the best in the years ahead.*

*Congratulations, Joni!*

*We love you!*

*Mom, Dad, and Michelle*

Jason "Pete" Goodman  
Congratulations!!!  
May your life be filled with happiness and may all your dreams come true. I'm Proud of you! Good Luck!!!  
Love, Mom



Bob,

You are a great son and brother. We are proud of you! May success be yours in all you do.

With all our love,  
Mom, Dad, Bill, Mark, Sarah, and Angela



Matt and Christine  
'99

True happiness comes when I'm with you!



We're proud of your accomplishments, character, and indomitable spirit. Be strong and courageous.

Love you forever,  
Mom, Dad, Sarah

Joshua 1:9





To: Queen Stacie



"To try and to fail, is not laziness."

-a Sierra Leone proverb



Craig,  
For all that  
you've been  
For all that  
you are  
and for all  
that you've  
yet to be.

We love you.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



*"Teach me half the gladness  
That thy brain must know."*

*-Shelley*

*Love, Always,  
Dad, Mom, & Ellen*



"In this world you  
may be only one  
person, but to one  
person you may be  
the world."

Thanks for being  
our world.

We are proud of  
you!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Hallie,  
Chelsi, & Goober





**"Congratulations  
Michael"**

**Love,  
Dad, Mom, & Dana**



**Congratulaions  
Heidi!**

*You are a terrific  
... daughter  
... sister  
... student  
... athlete  
... pianist  
... person.*

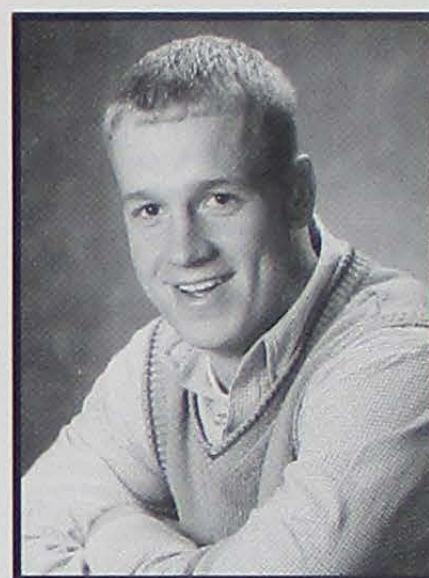
*Your hardwork will make  
your dreams come true.  
You've made us happy and  
proud.*

*We love you!  
Mom, Dad, Emily, & Julie*



**Congratulations,  
Devin!**

**May you always  
have that "any-  
thing is pos-  
sible" look in  
your eyes.**

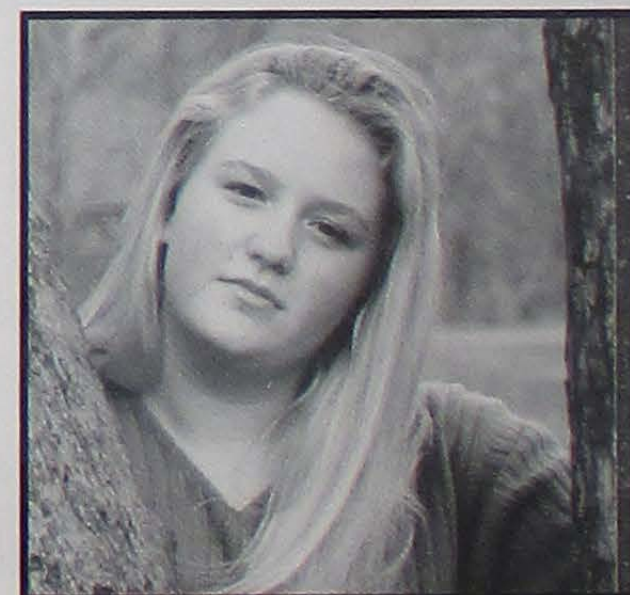


**We love you,  
Mom, Dad, & Dusty**



**Mandi Hardy**

**No matter where you go, We  
are with you, You are with us. . .**



**Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Debi**



*A true friend  
means forever!*

*Kathryn Lamont  
Ashley Van Auken*





Members of the Spirit '99 staff pass out books to their eager classmates. (photo by Brian Tenney)

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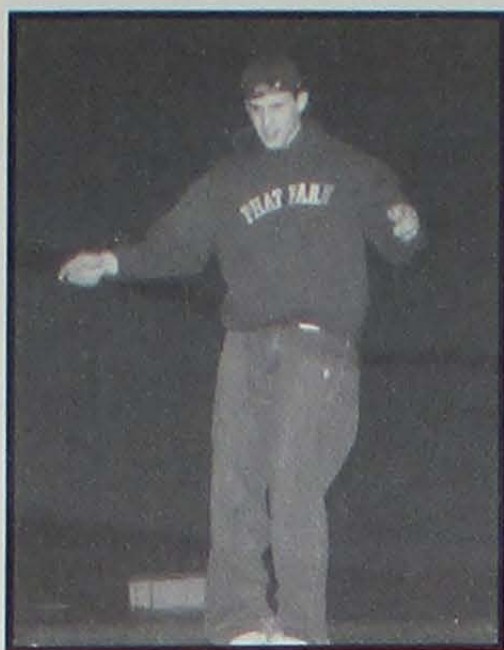
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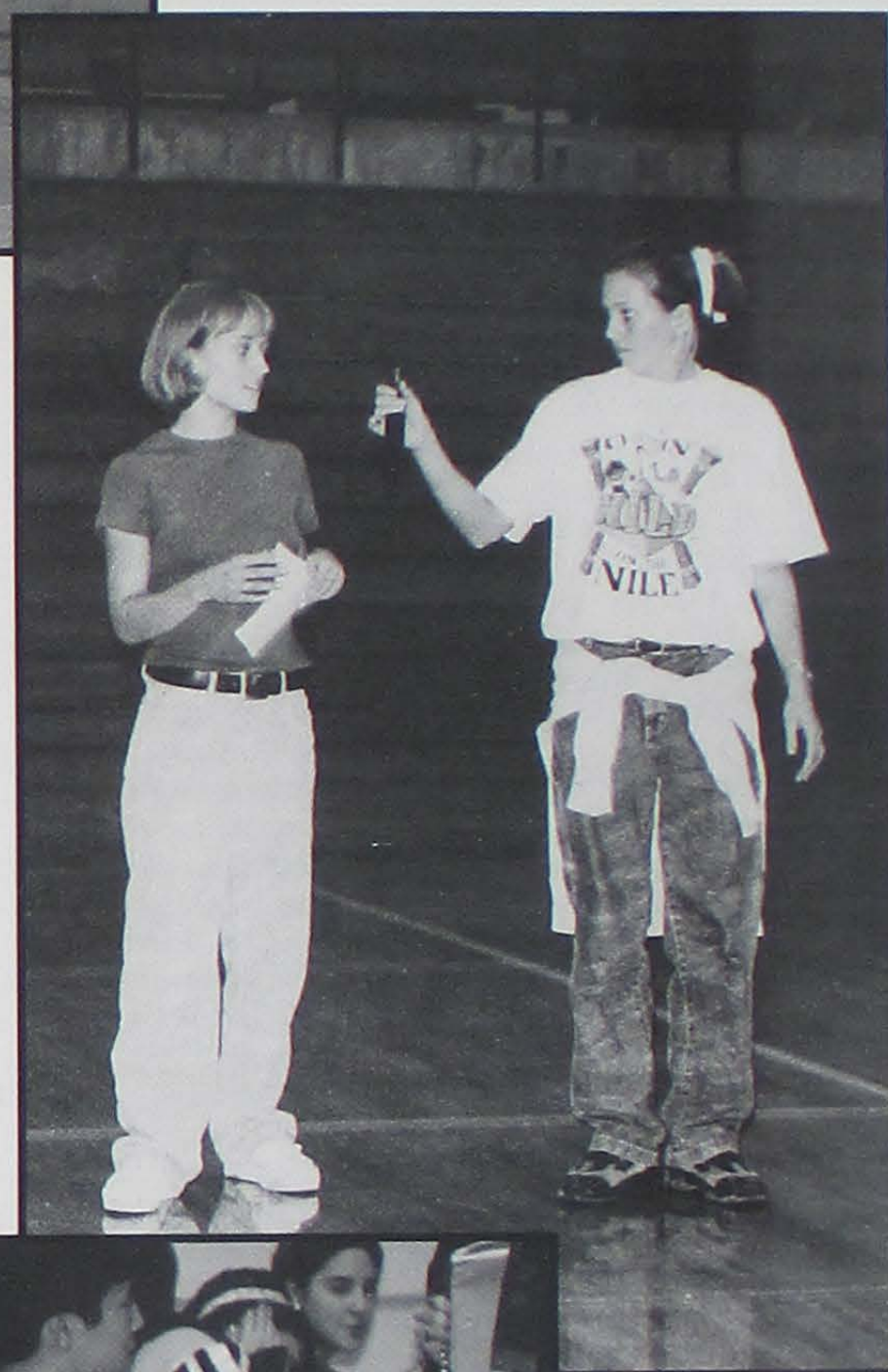
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Junior **Jacek Pruski** attempts to block a shot being put up by a Valley Tiger. (phot by Lydia VanHorn)



Seniors **Abbey Carter**, and **Tiffany Belz** take turns explaining the different aspects of the activities during homecoming week. (photo by Stacey Chung)



Madrigal Singers participate in an assembly in order to promote their show at the end of the week. (photo by Mandi Hardy)







Senior **Claire Gilchrist** rounds the first curve in her final leg of a relay at a girls track meet. (photo by Amy Chung)



Students scurry from one class to another during their five minute passing period. (photo by Stacy Chung)



Junior **John Hoyt** takes a shot during a I-ball game. (photo by Amy Chung)



Members of the sophomore class clamor to the floor during the body spell at the homecoming kick-off assembly. In the end the seniors won the body spell despite the sophomores efforts. (photo by Stacey Chung)

## THE TIME HAS COME...

for us to say good-bye. yes this is in fact the end of your spirit '99. We hope that you have enjoyed it as much as we have enjoyed making it for you. we hope that you understand our commitment to creativity and quality. we apologize for all of the errors you my (or may not) find in the book. We also apologize for anything which we've left out. so now that you've finished the book you'll just have to start over and read all of the stuff you skipped the first time. Through out the year we have met new people, and said good-bye to some of our dearest friends. we have come to understand our world a little better, just as it is about to change again. It is in fact

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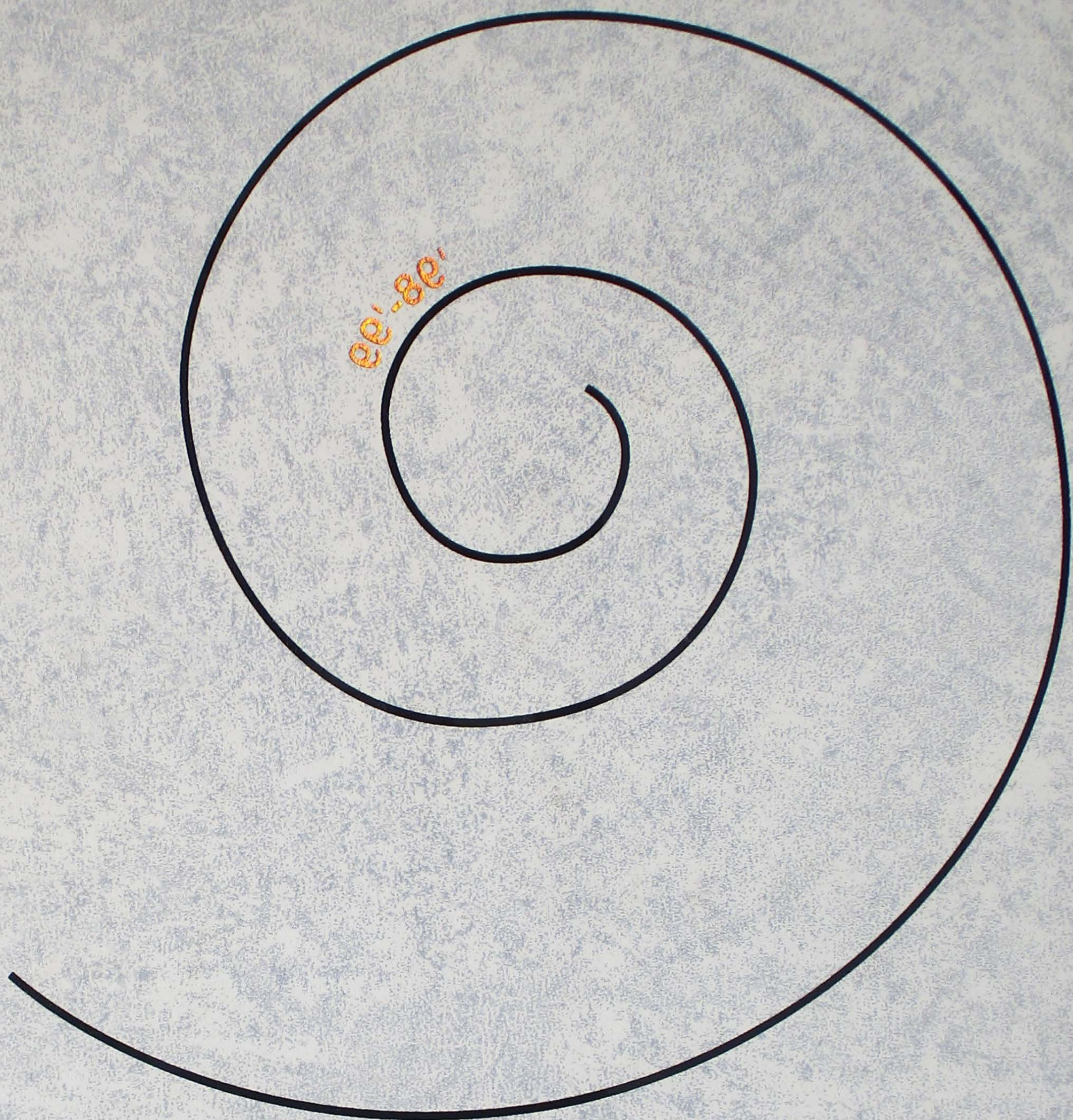
Senior members of the SPIRIT staff pause, near the end of the year, for a photo. (photo by Eknath Vittal)

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